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Torres defends improved status for long-time foreign workers

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The U.S. and CNMI flags are flown half-staff at the CNMI Judicial Complex in Susupe yesterday upon Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres' order out of respect for the victims at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida on Sunday in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.
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Torres

Against backlash, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres defended yesterday his official request that the federal government provide improved status or a pathway for long-time foreign workers to become legal permanent residents in the Commonwealth, making his first public comments on the "Section 902" meetings between top federal officials and CNMI officials last week on the CNMI's expiring contract worker program.

» Governor also justifies extension of CW program

Torres, speaking to reporters at a press conference yesterday, welcomed the criticism, saying that it was part of his job.

He was asked about complaints

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'NMI needs to sustain development'

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Tan

The CNMI needs to sustain all the development that it had been experiencing lately especially on Saipan, according to Marianas Visitors Authority board member Jerry Tan in a presentation during last Friday's Vin d'honneur and gala dinner for the 118th celebration of Philippine Independence Day at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Tan said the CNMI went through a very tough time in the last decade especially the decline of Japanese tourists, considered one of its biggest markets back then, after Japan Airlines ceased op-

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IN CASE AGAINST EX-DPS CHIEF, EX-COP

OAG asks CNMI Supreme Court to intervene

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The Office of the Attorney General has requested the CNMI Supreme Court to instruct Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho to reinstate the sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree each charged against former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and former police officer Jesse S. Concepcion.

In the government's petition for a writ of mandamus filed yesterday, assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley also asked the high court to direct Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja to recuse/disqualify Camacho from further consideration of this case in the interest of impartiality and fairness.

Baisley said extraordinary remedy is appropriate in this case because Camacho's error was clearly erroneous and that the judge abused his discretion.

Last May 27, Camacho issued

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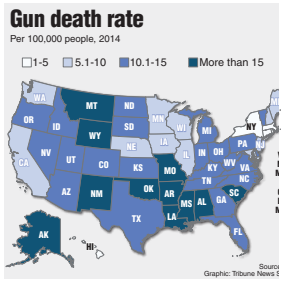

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CNMI government officials and industry players joined the Filipino community and the Office of the Honorary Consulate to the CNMI on Friday evening's Vin d'honneur as part of a series of community events over the weekend leading to the 118th Philippine Independence Day celebration held simultaneously across the globe. The CNMI Filipino community was joined by Philippine Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara Jr., third left, who in this photo was joined by Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Eli DM. Arago, Imperial Pacific International majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie, Imperial Pacific International chief services officer Tao Xing, Philippine Consul to Guam Edgar Thomas Auxillian, and Best Sunshine International, Ltd. Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geralyn Dela Cruz.

High Court won't hear dispute over birthright citizenship

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from a group of American Samoans who say the United States should grant full citizenship to people born in the U.S. territory.

The justices on Monday let stand a lower court ruling that said the constitutional guarantee of birthright citizenship does not extend to the islands that have been a part of the country since 1900.

Current law considers American Samoans to be "nationals," not full citizens like those born in Puerto Rico, Guam and other U.S. territories. Nationals are allowed to work and live anywhere in the United States, but unlike citizens, they can't vote or hold elective office.

The challengers said that the law violates the 14th Amendment, which grants citizenship to anyone born in the United States. But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled last year that birthright citizenship does not automatically apply to the nation's unincorporated political territories.

The lawsuit was filed by a small group of American Samoans who did not have the support of the islands' government officials. The government of American Samoa has argued that automatic U.S. citizenship could undermine local traditions and practices, including rules that restrict land ownership to those of Samoan ancestry.

The Obama administration also weighed in against the challengers, saying the issue should be decided by Congress if the elected government of American Samoa changes its position.

About 56,000 people live in American Samoa. People born there who want full citizenship must leave the territory and live in a U.S. state for at least three months to apply for naturalization. Many complain that the inconvenience and expense of the process deters them from pursuing citizenship.

The lawsuit's lead plaintiff, Leneuoti Tuaua, said he wanted to become a law enforcement officer in California but couldn't because he isn't a citizen.

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Commonwealth Development Authority executive director Manuel A. Sablan, extreme right, and CDA economic development analyst and Junior Achievement Program coordinator Carline B. Sablan, second from the right, pose for a group photo with mentors and members of the Marianas High School's Blue Marianas Produxtions during the recent CNMI Junior Achievement Company Program Spring 2016 competition's banquet at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret. Blue Marianas Produxtions won the Best Product/Service award, while its member, Candice Aldan, received the Vice President of Finance award.

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ON CPA CONCESSION PROCESS

'Better to delay project than sign unconstitutional bill'

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Responding to concerns that his veto delayed a major request-for-proposal process for port concessions, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said he supported a bill he vetoed Monday that would have allowed the Commonwealth Ports Authority to offer concessions to different bidders at different ports and allow them to negotiate with existing concessionaries without conducting a public search for a new one, but reiterated the "very unconstitutional parts of the bill."

"It's better to delay the project that sign something that I know is not only unconstitutional now but I am 100 percent sure will be contested from the way it's done," Torres told reporters yesterday.

Torres, when pressed, agreed that the bill was drafted in communication with CPA and the attorney general's office but said, "what came out is an unconstitutional bill."

He said this was "advised by the AG," or Attorney General Edward Manibusan. "And we got to stick to that."

The governor, in his veto message on Monday, said the bill—House Bill 19-123—would limit future legislatures from amending the business gross revenue tax and business license fee the bill's proposed provisions, even as implicit in the lawmaking power of a legislature is the principle that one legislature cannot enact law that prevents future legislatures from exercising its lawmaking power.

"A statute may not be enacted that irrevocably binds successor legislatures," Torres wrote. He was flagging a provision, among others, that would have assessed a tax of 4 percent on gross sales and bind this tax from being increased during the term of the concession agreement.

CEC says July 11 is last day to establish residency requirements

July 11, 2016 is the last day to establish the 120-day residency requirements in order to vote in the Nov. 9, 2016, general elections, according to Commonwealth Election Commission acting executive director Julita Villagomez.

Villagomez said for example U.S. citizens living in Guam can register as voters in the CNMI if they move here before July 11.

"You're in Guam and you been voting over there and you moved out here since January of this year, you can register on Saipan. That already meet the 120 days," she said.

Villagomez said in the case of U.S. citizens who will move over to the CNMI on July 12, 2016, CEC cannot register them because of failure to meet the requirements for residency.

She said those who like to establish residency, they have to come at the CEC office in Susupe to fill out a form and that all they need to bring is valid U.S. passport or birth certificate from the Vital Statistics.

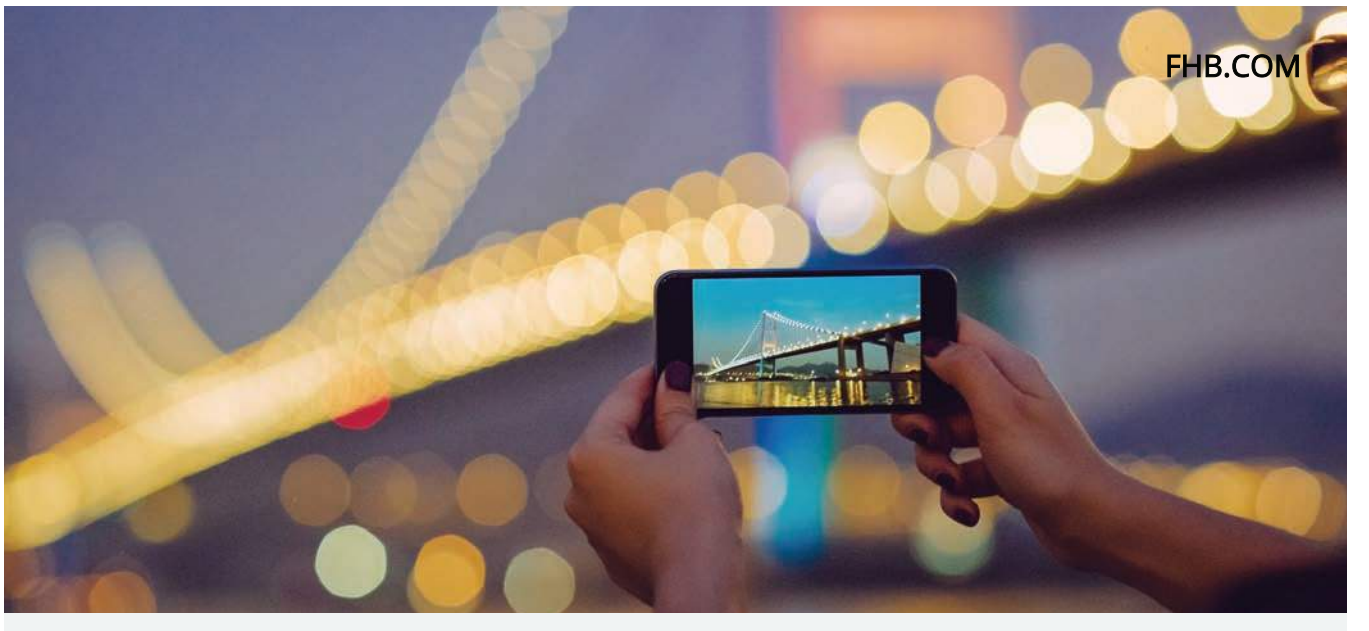
Villagomez said CEC started registering voters since a week after the November 2015 elections.

She said so far they have over 100 new registrants for this year.

There are 35 seats up for grabs in the coming Nov. 8 general elections.

Villagomez said it used to be called mid-term elections, but CEC now calls it general elections.

The top seat for this election is the U.S. Delegate for the U.S. House of Representatives, a position that has been held by Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, an independent, since he was first elected in 2008. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



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an order, dismissing without prejudice the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree each filed against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion. Dismissal without prejudice means the OAG may re-file the charges.

In an 18-page order, Camacho said he finds no probable cause as to the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree as the government failed to prove an essential element of the offense.

Camacho said in this case the prosecutors filed charges of sexual abuse of a minor on the first degree that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion committed in their specific capacity as police officers.

However, the judge said, at the April 22 and May 9, 2016, preliminary hearing the prosecutor failed to produce any evidence that the alleged victim knew Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion were police officers.

Camacho said he will issue a separate order(s) as to whether there is probable cause for misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree charges filed against the defendants.

Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion, through their counsel, have asserted an affirmative defense that they believed then that the girl they allegedly sexually abused at a beach site in San Antonio in June 2013 was not a minor.

In the government's petition for writ filed yesterday, Baisley said Camacho impermissibly rendered a final decision on factual issue reserved for the trier of facts and discounted the facts alleged by the Commonwealth.

Baisley said Camacho failed to identify any contrary facts to those the government alleged, any factual disputes with such alleged facts, or any credibility issues with such alleged facts that would support dismissal.

The prosecutor said the judge based much of his decision on attributing to the Commonwealth an argument—whether defendants were "babysitters—the Commonwealth not only did not raise, but in fact explicitly rejected as frivolous at the preliminary hearing.

Deleon Guerrero

Baisley said in addition to rendering a decision at odds with the law, as well as with the position the Commonwealth actually took at the preliminary hearing, Camacho engaged in improper and prejudicial commentary regarding the Commonwealth's case, an active and ongoing prosecution.

Baisley said in an unsupported portion of Camacho's opinion that was not necessary to support its holding, the judge characterized the government's theory of its case as "strange and bizarre,"—a characterization that can only be described as an ad hominem attack, not legal analysis—while inaccurately stating that the Commonwealth argued that defendants acted as "babysitters," or "transferred babysitters."

Ad hominem refers to attacking an opponent's character rather than the opponent's assertions or arguments.

He said the judge then encouraged the Commonwealth to carefully review its cases, suggesting that judge legal disagreement with the government somehow demonstrates neglect or lack of attention on the government's part.

Baisley said Camacho quoted *Berger v. United States* case, suggesting that its legal disagreement with the Commonwealth is sufficient evidence that the Commonwealth engaged in misconduct by filing the charges in the first place.

"The trial court's comments were improper, unfairly prejudicial, and were in fact based on the trial court's own failure to properly analyze the law, and not any inattention or lack of diligence on the part of the Commonwealth," he pointed out.

Baisley said the government alleged sufficient facts tending to show that a reasonable adolescent would have viewed defendants as in a position of authority.

Baisley said specifically, the Commonwealth alleged a sexual encounter, orchestrated and facilitated with an experienced sex-trafficker who was housing the victim, transporting the victim, and financially profiting from the victim's sexual encounters.

He said the government alleged facts that tended to suggest a reasonable adolescent would have felt that she was required to participate in the sexual encounter, and that she had no reasonable means of escape.

Baisley noted that the Commonwealth did not allege that defendants were "mere strangers" who, in equal footing but for their age, persuaded the victim to participate in a sexual encounter.

Instead, he said, the Commonwealth alleges these defendants sought out the sex-trafficker and paid the sex trafficker to use her influence and control over the victim to facilitate a sexual relationship with a minor girl.

He said the sex trafficker then transported the victim to and from the custody of defendants.

Baisley said these facts were not disputed by Camacho and indeed the facts were incorporated into his order.

Moreover, the prosecutor added, Camacho failed to identify any contrary facts adduced by defendants tending to suggest a reasonable adolescent would not have viewed them to be in a position of authority.

NMI

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erations on Saipan in 2005.

"The CNMI went through a very tough time. And it is only now that we are experiencing economic growth and the rise of other tourism markets. We need to sustain that, we want sustainable development," said Tan. "There's a difference of overdevelopment and sustainable development. We want stability."

Job security, a capable workforce, infrastructure, a safer community, low crime rate, and having affordable housing and utilities are some of the ways that he sees could sustain that development.

Diversification is another area that could help the CNMI, be it in tourists or foreign investors. Right now Koreans and Chinese comprise the largest market of tourists that visit the islands with Japanese and Russians coming in occasionally.

Tan added that his fellow MVA officials also wanted to revive the Japanese market and they are looking of ways how to do that. "Hopefully, with the help of the new Japanese consul [Toshio Matsumura] we could do that."

Attracting other foreign investors is another way of diversifying the CNMI's economy with several Japanese, Korean, and Chinese companies already doing business in the Commonwealth. Tan said he is hoping that some businesses based in Guam and the Philippines would also come to the CNMI and open shop.

"Guam is less than an hour away. The Philippines, with direct flights about to start, has also a lot of potential investors. And we are grateful for Philippine Airlines to take the risk of opening up twice a week direct flights to Manila," said Tan.

TORRES

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that the local government did not invest enough to train its U.S. and local workforce to meet the demands that would be left by the zeroing out the contract worker program in 2019. Some critics have also claimed that Torres' request for improved status fell out of step with the wishes of Northern Marians Descent, who acknowledge themselves as the "people" of the CNMI.

To this criticism, Torres said the government has put efforts in its Department of Labor and has the local college and trades institute to provide a skilled local workforce on island.

Still, the governor added: "The bottom line is no matter what we do we don't have enough workforce, U.S. workers…Even when they [U.S. government] implemented [CW program] back in 2010, we didn't have enough. Now that our economy is rebounding, it will make it harder to get our U.S. workers.

"We have companies going as far as Puerto Rico, FSM, New Jersey," he stressed. "And we have folks coming back from the States," he added, "who are working now in the private sector." The governor went on to stress there are "opportunities out there" for locals and graduates.

Torres officials also say, citing Department of Labor statistics, that there are about 940 locals currently listed as "actively seeking" employment under the department's labor workforce program, and that even if 900 were to be gainfully employed that would not meet the projected demands of developers who are estimated in total to need 15,000 to 18,000 workers to operate many of the entry level jobs that will drive their operations

Officials have also noted how a major developer last year spent over $2 million on hiring outreach in the U.S., only to hire about 140 for work on island and see 68 of these leave the island, which meant the developer spent over a $100,000 for each U.S. hire, only to see half of them leave.

Officials also highlight that despite the "transition" aspect of the CW program that Congress mandated into affect some six years ago, the federal government did not provide enough of the tools or resources to help with this transition.

With 5,000 new hotel rooms expected in the next five years, the private and public sector officials estimate labor demands at over 11,000.

Still, there are some who would label these points as "excuses."

A Change.org petition—seemingly created in response to Torres' and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) support of improved status—titled, "No! To CW Extension and the Granting of a Blanket US Permanent Residency," argues against these points, calling them excuses.

Created by Juanita Mendiola, who may or not be the same commenter that frequents the online versions of the local newspapers, the petition urges U.S. President Barack Obama to "force" the application and end of the contract worker program, which currently employs some 10,000 workers, many of whom have families in the NMI.

"Please FORCE us to accept and implement US PL#110-229 [the federal law that created the CW program] and help ourselves restore the dignity and pride we once had as a nation of PEOPLE and be the United States' jewel in the Pacific Ocean we once dreamed of becoming," the petition states.

The petition largely argues that CNMI failed in foresight and to plan its socioeconomic growth. This left it with an "unhealthy political ambiance similar to third world countries." It notes concerns with foreign workers that have "outranked the indigenous" and labor use that the petition said led to the enactment of the transition worker program.

It also claims locals over the last 30 years could only find equitable or nearly equitable jobs "to their education" "in government" and those without political connections were left underemployed in the private sector.

"Compounding this is the lucrative source of business revenue from food stamp whose beneficiaries include children of 'GUEST' workers who were born in the CNMI and subsidized housing for low-income families. Therefore, the existence of the food stamp program and housing subsidy justify low wages forcing local U.S. citizens out of the workforce arena but clearly enjoyed by the guest workers with dual citizen children."

'No solutions yet'

The ball appears to be in the federal government's park with the issue of the hundreds of foreign workers, not including their families, who are forced to leave the CNMI through the end of the fiscal year.

Torres said they made clear to federal officials the fact that between 1,300 and 1,400 employees are forced to leave the economy was in itself a humanitarian issue.

He was speaking to the breach of the federally mandated cap on contract worker this fiscal year and the federal government's notice that these workers had 10 days to pack their bags and depart the Commonwealth after their permit expires.

Torres, though, acknowledged that "nothing has changed" since he met with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Leon Rodriguez after the 902 meetings last week.

One remedy that Torres offered to federal officials was they revise their reduction of the cap—currently at 12,999—which they had dropped by 1,000 for this fiscal year. Torres recommended that it be revised to 13,998, potentially creating more space for permits.

Asked if USCIS had agreed to any of their requests or demands, Torres said, "No, they have not… We plead our case and where we stand" and "echoed same concerns we have with immediate and short and long term" fixes.

Torres said that the federal officials indicated they would "look into our concerns."

Asked again if there were any "definite answers," Torres said "No."

"You have to be mindful if we are going to change the law through amendment of Public Law 110-229 that has to be a legislation. So if we are going to be making changes that process is a long-term process," he said, speaking to the request for improved status.

He also disclosed lobbying efforts senators and representatives in U.S. Congress last week to urge immigration officials to give that "extra effort to address the immediate concern of the expiring employees."

"I want them [employees] to understand that we are waiting for USCIS to give them the immediate changes that we request. I don't want to give anyone false hope. But we do need to give that hope…and ask for their patience," Torres said.

3 Saipan educators to participate in national program

Dandan Middle School's Elaine Cabrera, Saipan Southern High School's Dora Miura, and Chacha Ocean View Middle School's Joseph Vincent San Nicolas have been selected from pool of more than 300 applicants to participate in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute for the week of June 20–24, 2016. Aside from Cabrera, Miura, and San Nicolas other participants include:

- Katie Capp, Belgrade (Montana) High School
- Andrea Carnes, Stoneleigh-Burnham School, Greenfield, Massachusetts
- Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Conwell-Egan Catholic High School, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania
- Tamako Garcia, Greenbelt (Maryland) Middle School
- Daniel Goldman, Rosa Parks Middle School, Olney, Maryland
- Kelly Herberholz, Dakota High School, Macomb, Michigan
- Katherine Hoover, Wylie (Texas) High School
- Lisa Jacobsmeyer, Henderson Elementary School, Montclair, Virginia
- Libby Kramer, Santa Fe Trail Elementary School, Overland Park, Kansas
- Ron Montesi, Goff Middle School, East Greenbush, New York
- Diane Odbert, Knowledge Quest Academy, Milliken, Colorado
- Marisela Reyes, El Paso, Texas
- Jessica Rollins, Homestead Elementary School, Crossville, Tennessee
- Shubha Sarode, Goldstein High School for the Sciences, Brooklyn, New York
- Julie Schwab, West Ridge Elementary School, Thornton, Colorado
- Leslie Sering, Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Elizabeth Smerczak-Zorza, Berkeley County School District, Moncks Corner, South Carolina
- Peter Swartley, Baltimore (Maryland) City College High School
- Kenneth Williams, Oxon Hill Middle School, Ft. Washington, Maryland
- Lisa Wininger, Plainwell (Michigan) Middle School STEM Academy
- Anne Marie Wotkyns, Kittridge Elementary School, Van Nuys, California

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Educators attending the teacher institutes participate in and develop primary-source-based teaching strategies that they can take back to their school districts, apply in the classroom and share with colleagues. Teaching with primary sources is a powerful way to help students ask engaged, probing questions, develop critical-thinking skills and construct knowledge. All educators may freely access classroom materials, teaching tools and strategies for teaching with primary sources from the Library's site for teachers at loc.gov/teachers/.

Applicants to the Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institutes reflect the diversity of the world of K-12 education. Participants in a teacher institute session typically include school library media specialists and school administrators, in addition to classroom teachers. Those selected come from many different states, representing large metropolitan school districts and smaller, rural school districts. The expertise provided by the Library of Congress during the institutes can benefit every level of K-12 education.

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Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:

A. Call to Order
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C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Adoption of Minutes – March 4, 2016 & April 5, 2016

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A. Report by the Acting Chairman
B. Report by the Executive Director

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1. Update on Application Review and Processing Procedures
2. Commission Assessment of Investigative Fee: Minimum of $6,000 per applicant

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Casino Key Employees – Provisional Licenses:
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2. Cheung, Chun-Chung Tony ("Cheung");
3. Choi, Tat Mong ("Choi");
4. Ho, Ka U ("Ho");
5. Lau, Ka Fong ("Lau");
6. Phuah, Kok Kian ("Phuah");
7. Wong, Hoi Po Paul ("Wong");
8. Yim, Ka Wing Gary ("Yim"); and,
9. Mascio, Vincent Phillip (Mascio").

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VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

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Green Flash Comics owner plans Comic Con-type event in 2017

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REPORTER

Green Flash Comics owner Glenn Keaton is planning to have a bigger Free Comic Book Day event for next year, a Comic Con-type of celebration of the annual affair. He said that planning should start this early and he is also seeking partners for the project.

"It would really be nice if we could pull it off. Just imagine the number of tourists that would attend the event. You could have those from Guam, Korea, Japan, China, the Philippines, and nearby countries to come to Saipan," said Keaton during last Saturday's event at Green Flash Comics' store at the Joeten Superstore.

A Comic Con or comic book convention is a multi-day event where comic book fans gather to mingle with each other, and meet creators and artists of their favorite comic books.

MACKENZIE PEREZ

Participants of the art contest show off their works in last Saturday's 3rd Annual Free Comic Book Day held last Saturday morning at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The event moved to Green Flash Comics store at the Joeten Superstore in the afternoon.

Keaton said that he attended the inaugural Middle East Film and Comic Con in the United Arab Emirates in 2012, which was the first of its kind in the Middle East. The MEFCC is now on its fifth year. "They managed to pull it off even though they don't have a single comic book store."

"Imagine if we could have a similar event here. Get all sectors in the community, private and government sector, working and planning everything. We should start now if we want to make it happen," added Keaton.

Lord of the Rings cast John Rhys-Davies (Gimli), *The Walking Dead*'s Laurie Holden (Andrea), *Game of Thrones*' Jason Momoa (Khal Drogo), and *Supernatural* regulars Mark Sheppard (Crowley) and Luciana Carro (Melissa) were the stars that attended the 2012 Comic Con.

Momoa has also appeared as Aquaman in this year's *Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice* film with a solo movie on his character due in 2018.

Another one of his plans for next year's Free Comic Book Day is to invite artists like Alex Ross, who designed DC Comics' Harley Quinn or Manga artists from Japan that would create their own Saipan-themed style with the beach, ocean, or other sites of the island.

"I'm considering getting good artists. Invite them to come to Saipan. Have them create a Saipan-themed comic book cover, it could be with superheroes or villains, it all depends on their own style. Display their artwork, sell it, and give half of the proceeds to the artist," said Keaton.

"How about Stan Lee? But we need to make sure that everything is okay like somebody would shoulder his airfare and hotel accommodation. As long as there are sponsors who would help me bring this into reality," he added.

"Getting Stan Lee would be big and ambitious. Might as well start with other artists. But there's always the possibility. Who knows?"

Last Saturday's Free Comic Book Day was the third straight year the event was held on Saipan. Close to 1,200 comic books were given away in the event held first at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library before transferring to Green Flash Comics at the Joeten Superstore.

CUC: Rise in fuel prices result in FAC increase

Following a rise in the average fuel prices, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will increase the Fuel Adjustment Charge pass-through rate, previously known as the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause.

The current FAC fuel charge of $0.11283 pre kWh will increase to $0.13809 per kWh effective June,1, 2016. As a result, residential customers who use 500kWh of power per month will pay approximately $12.63 more in their monthly billing.

CUC first instituted LEAC in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the Virgin Islands. In May 2015, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the rate.

The FAC is used to purchase fuel and serves as one of the two components that make up a CUC power bill. The second rate component is the electric base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt servicing.

CPUC granted CUC the ability to adjust the FAC rate based on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) monthly pricing equals or exceeds 4.5 percent of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the FAC rate.

CPUC conducts periodic reviews of CUC's fuel charges to ensure that consumers pay no more or less that the actual cost of fuel. Although there is a slight increase in the June 2016 FAC, CNMI consumers have experienced an almost 60 percent decline in the FAC since 2014.

CUC is a non-profit autonomous agency of the CNMI government which provides electric power, water, and wastewater services to the islands of Saiapn, Tinian, and Rota. ***(PR)***

CDA sues ex-first lady, others over $546K debt

The Commonwealth Development Authority has filed a foreclosure lawsuit against former First Lady Sophia P. Tenorio and four others over a 1999 bank commercial loans totaling $650,000.

Aside from Sophia Tenorio, CDA is also suing Island Development Authority, Jesus V. Guerrero, P. Michael P. Tenorio, and Reiko Deleon Guerrero.

CDA, through counsel George Lloyd Hasselback, asked the Superior Court to issue a judgment holding the defendants jointly liable to pay the principal sum of $308,383.01, plus accrued interest of $226,707.72, plus penalty charges of $9,320.88, plus legal fees and costs of $1,794.25, plus any additional amount of accrued interest and late charges.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to get comments from the defendants yesterday.

CDA requested the court to order the sale of the mortgaged interest in the real property and rule that the defendants and all persons or entities claiming through them, be foreclosed.

CDA asked the court to order the seizure and sell of all mortgaged chattels or other security or accounts.

CDA requested the court to apply the proceeds of any sale to payment to the agency.

Hasselback stated in the complaint that Bank of Guam extended two direct commercial loans to Island Development Authority in the principal amounts of $100,000 and $550,000, totaling $650,000, on Aug. 25, 1999.

Hasselback said in return, Island Development executed two promissory notes, wherein it agreed to repay the direct loans, plus interest thereon at 3 percent per annum.

Hasselback said Island Development agreed to repay the loans in set monthly installments beginning Oct. 10, 1999, and continuing until the loan was paid in full of Sept. 10, 2002.

The lawyer said Jesus Guerrero and Sophia Tenorio executed the first simple mortgage and the second simple mortgage, respectively to secure the amounts Island Development owes Bank of Guam under the promissory note.

He said Jesus Guerrero and Sophia Tenorio mortgaged to CDA their respective interests in the two subject real properties.

Hasselback said in order to obtain the loan to Island Development, Michael Tenorio and Reiko Deleon Guerrero executed a personal guaranty and promised to pay any amounts due by the company should the company default in the payment of any indebtedness owed under the promissory note.

Hasselback said that, on June 28, 2007, following the default by borrowers and a demand to CDA by Bank of Guam, CDA paid the bank $585,000 or the guaranteed amount owed the bank under a CDA guaranty.

In consideration of the CDA payment, Bank of Guam executed an assignment in favor of CDA and assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the loan, mortgages, guaranty and other related loan documents it had obtained from Island Development.

Hasselback said the defendants are in default in the payments of indebtedness now owed to CDA as they have failed to make the promised monthly payments.

Hasselback said as of Feb. 18, 2016, there is justly due and owing to CDA by defendants $308,383.01 in principal sum, $226,707.72 in accrued interest, $9,320.88 in penalty charges, and $1,794.25 in legal fees and costs, or for a total of $546,205.85. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Get a chance to win a $1,000 shopping spree at T Galleria by DFS, Saipan.

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4. Proof of CNMI residency for 2014 and 2015 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, Employment Verification from your employer, Official Transcripts, Voter's Certification, etc.)

Beach Road Pathway lighting contractor secures wires

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REPORTER

The contractor doing the re-lighting project of the Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway is now making sure the copper wire and other things they have been installing are more secure. The project faces delay after robbers took approximately 1,300 feet of copper wire last month.

RNV Construction project lead manager Jay Angulo said they had already welded the box that contains the copper wire including under the boardwalk to make sure there won't be a repeat of the robbery.

"We replaced all the missing wires then we welded everything. That was the solution that we could think of to make things secure. The project has a one-year warranty, so if there's a problem, we would be the ones to open the boxes and fix it," said Angulo.

"It would be difficult to just open the pole boxes and those under the boardwalk using ordinary tools. You need special power tools for that. You need a generator in order for those tools to work, which would generate noise and attract attention," he added.

"I would really admire this robbers if they could still manage to open the welded pole boxes and those under the boardwalk."

Angulo said that he saw no problems when he randomly checked the same area at around 3am a few days after they replaced the stolen copper wires and welded the pole boxes.

He said that a partial re-lighting could have taken place if not for the robbery by still unknown suspects last May 28. "There was a plan of a partial lighting. All the accessories were there and we installed the lights but right now we have to redo everything."

If the incident did not happen and had the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. already finished installing an additional transformer, and fixed the electrical enclosure, the area from Oleai Beach to Triple J could have been lit.

RNV's timeframe to complete the project, not including the repairs and replacement of lampposts damaged by Typhoon Soudelor since it was not part of the original quote, was four months but Angulo said they expect it to be longer this time.

He added that they also had to look for another manufacturer of the lampposts since the ones that made the pre-fabricated poles was no longer operational.

It was Nilo Naval, RNV's field supervisor, who discovered the theft on May 28 when they were about to resume their work that day. The stolen wire, the No. 6 since it is thicker compared to the No. 12, costs around $2,000. The theft might have happened between 12am and 4am.

Man arrested for allegedly stealing package of beef fingers at 2 stores

A man managed to escape after he was allegedly caught stealing beef fingers from a store in Chalan Kanoa on Saturday night, but ended up being arrested later when he tried to steal again the same type of meat at another store in Chalan Piao. It turned out that the two stores have only one manager, who recognized the suspect in the second store incident.

Akira Anton Nedlic, 44, was arrested for theft and disturbing the peace after Police Sgt. Anthony Macaranas responded to the second store, according to court documents.

At a hearing on Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho released Nedlic on $2,500 unsecured bond. Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer was appointed as counsel for Nedlic. Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley appeared for the government.

»Arrest was made as 2 stores have same manager who recognized suspect

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that on Saturday at 7:30pm an employee of LN Market in Chalan Kanoa observed upon review of surveillance camera that Nedlic, who had something bulging out from the back of pants, quickly walked out from the frozen goods section.

In the parking lot, the store's manager stopped Nedlic and asked if he took something from the store. Nedlic denied taking anything, but the manager and the store's employee noticed that he was hiding beef fingers.

Nedlic took out the beef fingers worth $21.65 and threw it down. The manager told Nedlic not to leave as police were coming.

Nedlic then struggled with the manager and the employee. An unidentified man got in between, causing the suspect to run away.

At 8:30pm that same day, the manager left LN Market to deliver products to Blue Sky Poker/Market in Chalan Piao, where he is also the manager.

While the manager was stocking items on a shelf, he spotted Nedlic by the frozen store taking a package of beef fingers, putting it inside the back of his pants, and quickly walking toward the entrance of the store.

The manager ran after Nedlic and bear hugged him. Nedlic struggled to get away.

A Carolinian man, who was in the area, helped the manager in holding the suspect.

The store staff then called the police and Macaranas later arrived and handcuffed the suspect. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

REPUBLICAN

Tinian GOP General Assembly

The Tinian Republican Party would like to inform all its members that it will be holding a General Assembly meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the residence of Charlene Manglona Lizama at San Jose, Tinian.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Election of Officers
III. Mid-Term Election Candidate Endorsement
IV. Adjournment

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD, Defendant.] Small Claims] No. 14-0458] AMENDED] SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this **AMENDED SUMMONS** upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to **Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this **AMENDED SUMMONS**, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

The Pre-Judgment hearing in the above captioned matter is scheduled to be heard on **July 7, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.**

SO ORDERED on this 9th day of June 2016.

/s/Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- VINCENT A. MANGLONA, BENITA A. MANGLONA, V.B. MANGLONA ENTERPRISES, TONGA GARDENS, PASEO DRIVE INCORPORATED, GUAM ISLA LP GAS AND APPLIANCE and MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA, INC., Defendants.] CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0194-CV] **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, CNMI Marshal, or any other person authorized by law hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Vincent A. Manglona and Benita A. Manglona in the following described, real properties situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Fee simple title to:

Tract No. 22102, Rota, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2048/77 the original of which was registered 23 APR 79 as Document No. 8162 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Tract No 22214, Rota, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3017/87 the original of which was registered 28 FEB 89 as Document No. 89-0624 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Lot No. 053 R 01, Rota, containing an area of 535 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 053 R 00 the original of which was registered 19 JAN 94 as Document No. 94-0176 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Lot No. 001 R 07, Rota, containing an area of 836 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 R 00 the original of which was registered 21 NOV 71 as Document No. 1288 at Land Registry, Saipan.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2016,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**

2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235 7147; or to Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234 7256.

5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.

6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Vincent A. Manglona and Benita A. Manglona in the property and any improvements thereon are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property or its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 31 day of May, 2016.

/s/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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ADDENDUM NO. 1
June 9, 2016
ITB16-GOV-120
Construction of the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station

1. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply , Capitol Hill, Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, July 6, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, July 8, 2016, and must be transmitted via facsimili to (670)664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service of the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 6, 2016, and must be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, on July 15, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., ChST, July 15, 2016. However, if no notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders from outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m., Saipan Local Time, on July 6, 2016.

2. Performance and Completion Time for this project is Two Hundred Seventy (270) Calendar Days from Notice to Proceed Date.

3. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i)One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) per day, or (ii)two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 270 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

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So say you lost a revolution

Even as Hillary Clinton's clinching of the Democratic presidential nomination heralded a historic opening of the nation's highest office to half the population, presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump was sounding a dramatic retreat from our halting, hard-won progress toward truly representative government.

Having declared that a Mexican American U.S. district judge could not fairly consider complaints against Trump's nominal university because of his ethnicity, the candidate added that a Muslim jurist probably couldn't be trusted either. A man at the doorstep of the presidency had thereby all but proposed a religious test for federal office — an idea so antique and repugnant that the Founding Fathers expressly forbade it in Article VI of the Constitution.

The need for a robust response to such rubbish is as good a reason as any for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders to end his insurgency and strive to unite his recently adopted party behind Clinton.

Of course, there is also the fact that he, you know, lost. After convincing victories in New Jersey and California Tuesday, Clinton led Sanders by 3.7 million votes, with nearly 57 percent of the total cast, and 375 pledged delegates, with nearly 55 percent of the total awarded, according to RealClearPolitics. She has won 33 of 56 primaries and caucuses, and seven of the last 10. In the three most recent national polls of Democratic voters, Clinton's advantage over Sanders is about 14 percentage points.

Following a remarkable journey from socialist asterisk to serious competition, Sanders and his legion of supporters have earned plenty of recognition short of the nomination. The senator has ably embodied widespread alienation and frustration — and usually channeled it more productively than Trump. The inequities that Sanders thunders against are real. So is the casual corruption within the party establishment, which has weakened support for Clinton and yielded a dreary drumbeat of revelations in the Democratic-run city where she is to be nominated next month.

From hidden official emails to overcompensated corporate speeches, Clinton's flaws are significant. But they are not nearly as significant as the fundamental values of racial equality and religious freedom that Trump is calling into question.

Sanders stands at the peak of his power to contribute to Clinton's candidacy and thereby influence the campaign, the convention, and perhaps the cabinet. Nor does he have to look far for a precedent: Eight years ago, Clinton herself delivered most of her supporters, many of them fervent and some of them bitterly so, to Barack Obama, and she emerged as secretary of state.

It certainly won't be the revolution Sanders and his supporters hoped to bring to Philadelphia. But it could help secure the blessings of the last one.

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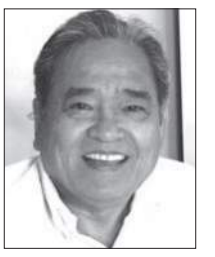
CUC Yaqui! No?

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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I was closing out at the CUC (Commonwealth Utilities Corporation) Dandan office by Joeten the services on electricity, sewage, waste, and water on my dwelling, scheduled to fly out in the morning for three weeks in China, returning to the CNMI to elbow my way into a teaching assignment, either with PSS or a private institution. It has become of vocational goal to teach elementary level grades on the task of learning-how-to-learn, getting clear about how the human brain operates, and understanding that each has the wherewithal to participate in the learning process itself.

Not only that, there is that 16-year formal education journey where we give students permission to continue with their social talk as well as manage how to navigate the British currents of academic English. Focused on the issue of education even while we were closing out affairs from the last term, I was not paying attention to the news on my neighbor down the hall, normally shy of being in the news headlines, when he landed on the front page of the local dailies.

It appears that the reality of CUC unable to accumulate enough savings to save its soul has not been externally imposed but self-generated from within by a board that seemed more interested in power games rather than sustainable and affordably generating power. For its number of years of existence, the CUC board has yet to learn how to learn!

He is just Matt when he lumbers his tall frame amongst us in the apartment complex but when he steps out in the morning to the office, I am sure his attire and demeanor would easily get the "Sir Matthew" that Filipino number-crunchers readily ascribe to their office superiors. This is, after all, the Marianas where the culture is still stratified enough that some are *matua* and others are not!

For some of us who have watched CUC up close and personal, and from a distance for a "savior" to show up, the top body deals more with operations than policy, focused on politics than on utilities' priorities. Matt served in Africa and the Middle East, as well as the Far East; his accounting acumen recognizes other factors that determine where the decimal point sits on any given report.

Matt was not vocal in the chatty loquacious sense, though he would not hesitate to call something out the way he sees it. One time in Liberia, only a small portion of the population was served the generated power. That's almost like the Renaissance City downtown Detroit well lit while the rest of the urban center is pitched dark!

We are waxing poetic here. What we have is a qualified and reliable dude who will tell us the numbers if things do not add up. He was asked at a public gathering about the finances of CUC, and he told them in his capacity as a finance officer. CUC was broke, but whether it is Matt's language or not that is in question is missing the point. CUC has no money save for operating and personnel cost, and the discerning public was only too familiar with that.

Besides, Matt is not a politician but he sensed (my guess) that the political wrangling was going to take precedence over the sane and rational operations of the utilities company. He kept the sentiment close to his chest.

We all read about the political maneuvering in the CUC board and wonder if it would interfere with the delivery of services, able to exist with the seeming divisive ambience it seemed to operate out of. The infighting has always been a distraction from the fact that the company was not breaking even. But CUC and the island had always been saved by the dole. Even with the mounting debt, who cared? Governance was just a matter of identifying who is next in line to do the bailing! Meanwhile, CUC's debt mounted; did its board care?

Matthew did, which is not to assert that the board members did not. Matt is on the hot seat. Sure, he just managed finances and shuffled funds so there was sufficient mullah to run the business, perhaps, even inject some entrepreneurship into the stew so that the company could save itself from an absolute depression but he thought through ways to lessen debt so that the company can keel even. Perhaps, he was a bit too optimistic on that score. Don't matter. One thing Matthew isn't, he ain't no heart of stone!

Matt was fired the day he answered the question if CUC had any money. The board decided to shoot the messenger rather than find ways to deal with the message. Or, worst, as someone said, he was no local.

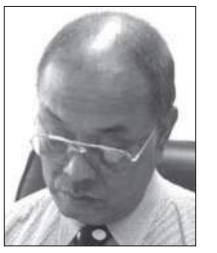
It would be a mistake to paint the picture of heroes and villains. This is about power, the electric kind, and whether the island can afford the twinkles on its trees comes Yuletide or other festivities that consumes power is a choice we can make.

"Power to the people" is a slogan used by street demonstrators. Matt is contracted and that is the legal issue that may play on his sudden dismissal. More important is the truth. Do we have enough strength to face the fact that the Emperor wears no clothes?

Merci, Matt. *Au revoir*. (That's Tahitian, in case you missed it.)

Preparasion Finattun Ha`ilas

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Gi un` katma na lemlem tautau hu huñgog ekun sumen triste na tunada. Hu ekuñgog ñaihon kau guaha umakompapaña mensahe. Maliñgu. Bes enkuando mattu tatte. Dispues silensiu ta`lu. Man-fuguyu`.

Hu rikonose kau guaha chinatsagaghu na mattu ayu na tristen eku. Pas sentimentoghu. Sige ha` mattu tatte ayu na eku. Kontodu katman hinasoghu ha lachai muna` atlibes.

Gi hilu` este, mampos luñu` kinalamten i tanu`. Kase estague` ayu na eku i mana` fan man-hahassu hit na presisu u guaha rinikohe yan areglon planu para i linahyan antes de umapua i galaide`. Sige kahulu` man-loka` lañgat `nai tatutuhon manmaliñgu gi halom chubasku.

I pinadese siempre u tutuhon sumapet todu gi halom sais mesis na tiempu. Estake u didog gi halom dos-tres años siempre lafotte na mattirun ha`ilas para u fattu gi todu i señgsoñg. Estague` na tiempu `nai mas didog pinadesen todu.

Dañkulu na inadahe presisu para kada familia. Gef pulan pottanmonedan miyu. Manu i siña pega gi un` banda todu fiñkas familia para `an mattu tiempun chata`an yan fotte na pagyun ha`ilas! Kau este mina` mampos man-silensiu i man-sabiun hegsu` I Deni`?

Sattun Na Satbasion

Dispues de 40 años desde ta gobietnan maisa hit, guaha besis `nai inipus man-diskuidau hit hafa lai konstitusion siha gi `nos kuantos attikulu. Entre ta upus `sino letke kulan mohon siña ta isague gi kaprichota. Lache este na disposision!

Finenina pot haye siña gumubietnu `nai mana` fan apulo`pu` che`chu` abusu yan gulosu kontra lai konstitusion pot este na asuntu. Ti umahñau bai guadog este esta`i fondu estake mana` dinanche. Makat hu aksepta na gobietnun demokrasia gaige guine lau i mañan diktatot oppan.

Entre matuñgu` lau mahasñgon mafatkeluye pat man-ignorante ya ma-usa este kumu katsun niha para u fan mandispone sin mandatun publiku! Estague` masusesede na tiempu. Hita ni publiku siña dumemanda makorihen diskuidun gulosu!

Fotmat Na Konbetsasion

Kase pot mampos hit man-mitinane` na megai besis na taya` sattun na sensian kinimite gi palabra-ta siha. Kumeke ileg-hu tasañgan una kosa dispues tacho`gue komplidu atlibes.

Afañielos, usun palabra fumofotma mañamu gi todu kinalamten-mu. `An chatseguru hau, pues muñga masañgan "huñgan" `nai chatseguru hau. Dispues, ni unu siña hau umafuetsas gi maseha hafa na disision. Sehan ñaihon ya un` atan todu atmos banda manu propiu para un` tatiye.

Gigon ta tutuhon man-adiñgan gi hilu` to`a yan mehnalom na attura siempre mas amtau disision-ta siha gi maseha haf` na asuntun natibu. Mauleg ta repasa este na patte gi diariu na konbetsasion-ta.

Inapagat

I mañaita sessu teñga ma-adeñgane famaguon niha pot inadahe yan preparasion. I finu` niha pot esta man-ginen ayu na patte mina` makomprende haf` na chinatsaga `an tita adahe hit.

Desde usun ramientan gualu`, kumarera gi tumobet, yan peskan tasi yan tanu`, siempre hana` fan man-hassu hit pot inadahe. Pot para u felis kareta na man-adiñgan dibuenamente!

Mauleg na inapagat sinsiyu ginen i korason niha gi halom motmut na balutan guinaya pot futtuna-ta. Gi hilu` pinasensia lokue` guaha tiempun grasian niha `nai man-hita mañaleg.

■■■

Kada chatagmag umakilili` dos amku` mamokat para i gima Yuus humosme misa. Un` oga`an finagcha`e chata`an. Kada ratu i biha ha soyu` i asaguaña para u lachadeg. Gi biradan para i gima` finaisen si Tan Duñg haf` na kulan dispasiu mamokat. Ilegña, "Nañga fan Ana sa` fana`an hu tatkeyu`!" Ayu buente na ti siña ha atotga humagu` famokatña pot no u finalaguaihon in amku`. A`saina!

■■■

Fuera de kutturan relihion, kase memegaiña gi kutturata maliñgu gi espehos santatte. Taya` siña hu chogue soluke para bai` kahlañgyu` gi hagas tradision gualu` yan peskan tasi gi hechuran estoria. Kanifes chansaghu umabiba haf` pa`gu tradision-ta sa` maliñgu.

■■■

Guaha siha na liñguahen CHamoru (ahe` ti Chamorro) hu huhuñgog ginen i bisinu. Mattu gi na`mamahlau finatinas palabra kulan mohon diariu na usu gi halom konbetsasion. Hu fanana`an este che`chu` "naufragu", i resutta, "na`gau".

Guadog sustansian i dos palabra para in` kemprende haf` husasañgan. Fañgetu gi otdinariu na finu` Chamorro. Muñga man-mamatinas otru palabra siha ni ti Chamorro! Pa`gu `an para in` fan aguaguat pues tatpañge: CHATmoru! Kase dinancheña "kusina". Gi dañkulu na pastahe i fañochuyan `nai mapopoñgle manu para umabende sino matansa.

■■■

Gaige gi plasan batkon aire giya Guahan un` kusina (restaurant) matatpañge "Fañochuyan". Hana` chatsagayu` sa` este na palabra pot fañochuyan ga`ga`. Estague` na lugat `nai mana` fañonochochu diariu. `An guaka, chiba yan binadu, sakate. I babue `ansopblan neñkanu`.

■■■

Huli`e un` amku` ha tunu dispues ha lagnos te`lañg medianu na mafute`. Taya` to`lañg sopbla lau intaktu i sensin guihan gi halom platu. Hu komprende haf` bidaña. Lau ti siña hu cho`gue. Ha esplika dispues taimanu machogueña entalu` i guafe yan `nai para un` pega.

■■■

I uttimu na pagyu lamegai na sombra petmanente ha dinisramas. Ni lemai muñeru man-na`e tinegcha`. Kontodu hagas troñkun ates ha hulog. Pa`gu man-mañuñusu tatte ya puede mohon u lachadeg manogcha` i lemai sa` mahalañgyu` ag`gun Lali Fo`!

Malaintension

Todu disision ni mana`na` gi halom balutan "malaintension" siempre u anog. Ya mientras gaige gi papa` atdau siempre kontodu ulu` malumot u fañgunanaf! Poresu, eyag sensian integredat gi todu pinetsigen asuntun linahyan!

Man-hanau i grupon 902 para Washington sin fotmat na inestudia pot asuntun linahyan siha. Mas man-chathinassu haf` na trahe yan sapatos loka` para umafat-ta giya Washington, DC. Hombre, maila` ta pega mas signifikasion gi sustansiau na asuntu ke pustura! In` satba i problema?

Dios mihu na karera. Che`chu` dibatde ni inapase kabales nu i taxpayers! Dispues, i biahen miyu pot para in` ayuda tautau hiyuñg. Ya haf` planun miyu pot taotao tanu`?

A huge step back if Britain votes to exit the EU

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Does the West still exist? And do we need it?

Those are questions many British citizens are asking as their country prepares for a June 23 referendum on whether Britain should remain in the European Union.

Or to put it another way, are the European institutions that America and Britain worked together to create after World War II, and that brought the continent decades of peace, still relevant? And would Britain be better off on its own?

For anyone with a historic memory dating back two decades, the question is shocking. "As little as 25 years ago, Europe was divided by the Iron Curtain, the Baltic states didn't exist, and Margaret Thatcher was skeptical of a united Germany," recalled the noted British historian Timothy Garton Ash. Then, astonishingly, the Iron Curtain fell and Germany united peacefully, safely embedded once and for all in a democratic Europe.

A powerful, united Europe, partnered with the United States, emerged as the premier symbol of "Western values."

"We've got the Europe British prime ministers from Churchill on wanted, and now we propose to leave and pull it apart," Garton Ash said ruefully in a phone interview from Oxford University, where he teaches. Tabloid headlines in London now scream: "Stick it to the EU!"

So what went wrong?

Of course, much has changed since the early 1990s, when some claimed that the liberal democratic model had triumphed forever. As Garton Ash points out, the West came together as "a geopolitical actor" only in the struggle against Nazism and then the Soviet Union. When the Cold War ended, so did the common threat that bound together the Western allies.

Yet the word West once connoted a community of values — democracy, the rule of law, open markets, and the possibility of a better life — to which other nations aspired. Garton Ash became famous as an author of books and articles about Eastern Europe, whose opposition leaders struggled to break out of Moscow's grip and join the European Union.

Less than three decades later, the Brussels headquarters of the EU has become synonymous with massive bureaucracy rather than values, and many European citizens resent its myriad regulations. The 2008 crash and the EU's mishandling of the euro crisis undermined faith in its financial institutions.

Moreover, Europe's open internal borders have facilitated a flow of refugees — and internal EU migrants — that has become an explosive issue across the continent and in Britain. The issue is real but has been whipped up by populist parties in Europe and England — just as it has been by you-know-who in the United States.

Migration may be the issue that could drive British voters to support a "Brexit," shorthand for a British exit from the European Union. Here is the heart of the Leave case: "If our future is in the hands of Angela Merkel (the German chancellor, who let in a million refugees), then we don't want to be part of a suicide mission," proclaimed Douglas Murray, associate director of London's Henry Jackson Society, in a debate on Europe's future at the American Jewish Committee's national conference.

Those in the Leave campaign argue that Britain would be better off making its own trade deals, taking in fewer immigrants, and separating once again from the continent. But Garton Ash responds that the Brexiteers have vastly underestimated the costs of going it alone.

His argument goes beyond the economic costs, although they are substantial. Britain's role as a financial hub would take a big hit, and Scotland might split with the United Kingdom to remain with Europe.

And, ironically, shutting the door to migrants may not benefit Britain, which has taken in fewer than 300 Syrian refugees; the bulk of Britain's migrants are Europeans from countries such as Poland, Romania, and Bulgaria who enter legally under EU rules and often take jobs that Britons no longer want.

But Garton Ash makes a more critical case for Remain: The political and security gains of past decades could fall apart if Britain leaves.

"I have no doubt that Brexit would be the beginning of the end for the European Union," he told me. Referendums in other countries would follow, promoted by anti-EU populist parties, including the UK Independence Party (UKIP) and right-wing parties in Germany and France. Their fellow isolationist Donald Trump has also expressed disdain for European institutions.

The Oxford historian wrote in the Spectator: "I cannot share the blithe ahistorical optimism that sees Europe making a smooth segue from this imperfect union to a region of freely cooperating, prosperous liberal democracies. This has been an exceptional period in modern European history, an exception whose durability is now bound up, like it or not, with that of the EU."

If Europe falters, the negative ripple effect would reach across the Atlantic. As Garton Ash rightly notes, the great global challenges we face — from a rising China to an expansionist Russia to a traumatized Middle East to climate change — can't be addressed without close cooperation between the United States and the European Union.

Which is why Americans should be paying close attention to the Brexit vote next week.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks Tinian for holding Bike Rodeo

I'd first like to congratulate Tinian for a successful event! A Bike Rodeo is a great way to educate children and adults alike about cycling safety while also providing a fun and entertaining challenge. The Tinian bike community is a wonderful group of people, and I'm fortunate to have had the opportunity to cycle with them on several occasions.

The press release said that this was the CNMI's first ever Bike Rodeo, however this is not the case. The Saipan Fire Station held a Bike Rodeo in May of 2011 in conjunction with their EMS Week celebrations and in partnership with DPS's bike patrol and Beach Road Magazine. The event began with the closing of Beach Road from the Fishing Base to the Garapan Fire Station and a parade headed by the Taga Riders motorcycle organization followed by Saipan cyclists of all ages. Jason Tarkong of the DPS Bike Patrol created a fun and education Bike Rodeo for the kids in the parking lot of American Memorial Park while the community enjoyed food and entertainment at the Fire Station. Thanks to then Fire chief Tom Manglona, Jason Tarkong, and several others, the day was educational and fun for all.

Susan Marchitti
San Antonio

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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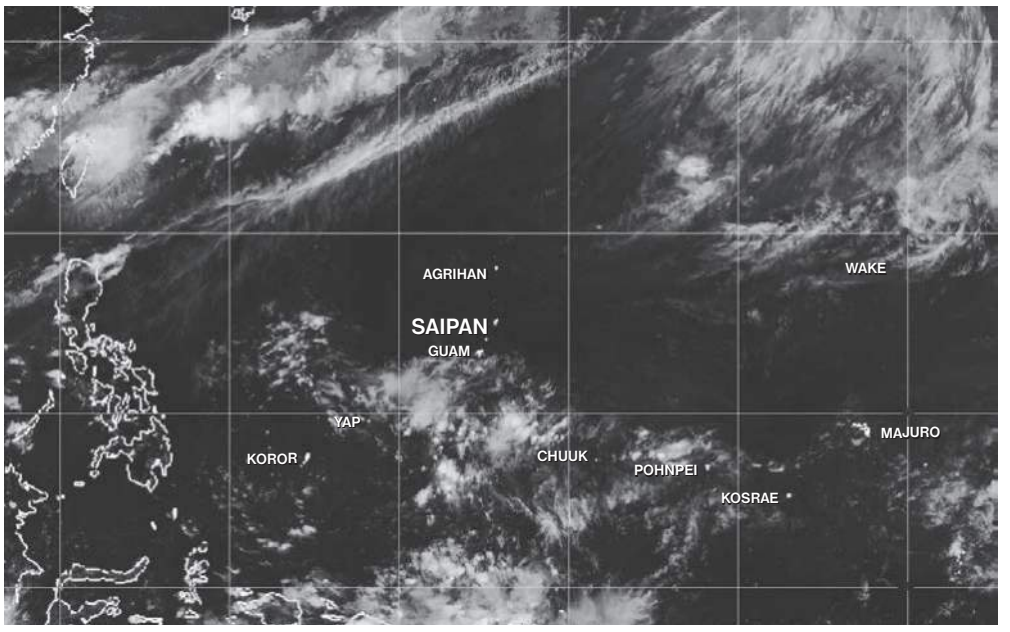
Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Trade-wind convergence aided by an upper-level trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms just north of Yap and near Ulithi between 12N and 9N from 136E to 143E. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of Chuuk are in patchy areas between 10N and 5N from 143E to 147E. A shear line extends eastward from northwest of Chuuk at 9N147E to just north of Pohnpei at 8N158E ending north of Kosrae near 7N163E. Widely scattered showers are along and up to 60 miles north of the shear line. A surface trough south of Majuro runs northeastward from 1N168E to 6N179E. Cloudiness and patchy showers are between the equator and a line from 6N170E to 7N180. A frontal system is far north of Wake Island and cloudiness with patchy showers are north of a line from 22N157E to 22N175E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼51
Beijing	Sunny	▲89	▼64
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼83
Honolulu	Windy	▲82	▼73
London	Thundershowers	▲66	▼50
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼59
Manila	Thundershowers	▲91	▼76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲64	▼47
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼77
New York	Sunny	▲82	▼63
Osaka	Showers	▲84	▼72
Paris	Thunderstorms	▲66	▼52
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲80	▼70
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼66
Salem	Showers	▲61	▼45
San Francisco	Windy	▲62	▼51
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲78	▼67
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲75	▼69
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲84	▼66

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:37 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:49 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
6:03 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
11:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:29 PM	1:54 AM
Thursday	3:16 PM	2:32 AM
Friday	4:05 PM	3:12 AM
Saturday	4:54 PM	3:54 AM
Sunday	5:44 PM	4:39 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

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OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
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6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
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2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

New entertainment experience at LibDay festival

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Members of Liberation Day Committee, 2015 Royal Court, first lady Dianne, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Skywalker Communications Groups president Dr. Bo Hu, and other dignitaries opened the Liberation Day Festivities festival grounds with a ribbon cutting last Friday at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Liberation Day Festival entertainment chair Gordon I. Marciano continues to work his magic.

The 71st Liberation Day Festivities is expecting a wide array of entertainment as local and international acts fill up the month-long festival. Included in this year's entertainment lineup are; a 70-man marching band from Korea organized by the (Saipan Korean Association), a Japanese domatsuri dancers from Japan (organized by the Japanese association of Saipan), cultural performances by various local groups, and more.

Over the past months, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and his staff; Skywalker Communications Group president Dr. Bo Hu; the Liberation Day Committee and respected chairpersons; the 2016 Liberation Day Chairman; Christopher De Leon Guerrero; and members of the community, with expertise by Gordon, have sought acts that would highlight the CNMI's cultural melting pot. With invitations from the mayor and Skywalker Communications Groups' international network and resources, the 2016 Liberation Day Festivities entertainment experience just got better.

To further enhance the entertainment feel, look, and sound for the festivities, Bo invited Wang Pei Yu, a well respected stage engineer and director who has for many years travelled al over China, as well as abroad to coordinate premiere events and concerts. Yu brought with him his team of professional lighting engineers, sound engineers, and production director to properly effectively give the CNMI a memorable and festive experience.

"It's a colorful lightshow every night at the festival grounds," says Wang.

Additional to the experience are two large elevated LED screens at the front of the stage. According to Bo, one of last year's challenges was seeing the performances, as audiences tend to stand at the very edge of the stage to watch. Bo further states "the main function of the LED screens is to allow families sitting under the tents enjoying a meal together a chance to watch the spectacular performances, yet maintain a festive and concert-like aesthetic." ***(PR)***

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Date: Thursday,16 Jun 2016 **RECRUITMENT DAY** **Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Venue: Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Banquet Hall - Azucena

Hotel Operations	
Executive Housekeeper	1
Assistant Executive Housekeeper	1
Room Attendant	80
Room Maintenance Handyman	10
Manager - Public Area	1
Public Area Cleaner	60
Manager - Wardrobe	1
Wardrobe Attendant	20
Seamstress	5
Manager - Laundry	1
Supervisor - Laundry	2
Coordinator - Laundry	1
Laundry Attendant	20
Laundry Runner	5
Steward - Kitchen	2

Hospitality	
Administrative Assistant	1
VIP Driver	20
Tour Operator	5

Purchasing	
Manager - Purchasing	1

Finance	
Assistant Vice President / Vice President - Group Taxation	1
Gaming Auditor	3

Food & Beverage	
Hygiene Manager	1
Restaurant Manager - Employee Dining	1
Restaurant Manager - Northern Chinese Restaurant	1

Food & Beverage	
Restaurant Manager - Cantonese Restaurant	1
Restaurant Manager - Buffet & All Day Dining	1
Assistant Restaurant Manager - Chinese	4
Assistant Restaurant Manager - Buffet & All Day Dining	3
Restaurant Supervisor - Chinese	11
Server I	19
Server II	19
Chef de Cuisine - Buffet & All Day Dining	1
Chef de Cuisine - Northern Chinese Restaurant	1
Chef de Cuisine - Cantonese Restaurant	1
Sous Chef - Buffet & All Day Dining	4

Food & Beverage	
Sous Chef - Cantonese Restaurant	2
Sous Chef - Northern Chinese Restaurant	2
Junior Sous Chef - Buffet & All Day Dining	2
Junior Sous Chef - Northern Chinese Restaurant	2
Junior Sous Chef - Cantonese Restaurant	1
Chef de Partie - Buffet & All Day Dining	4
Chef de Partie - Northern Chinese Restaurant	3
Chef de Partie - Cantonese Restaurant	3
Demi Chef - Chinese Cuisines	11
Commis I - Chinese Cuisines	14
Steward Manager	1

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Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion addresses travel trade and media representatives attending the Marianas Seminar and Workshop at the Shangri-la Tokyo in Japan on May 20, 2016.

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The Marianas Visitors Authority held a Marianas Seminar and Workshop for 143 travel trade and media representatives at the Shangri-la Tokyo in Japan on May 20, 2016. Similar workshops were held in Osaka and Nagoya to provide industry reps a destination update on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

MVA holds travel agent training in Japan

The Marianas Visitors Authority recently completed a series of Marianas Seminars and Workshops in three major Japanese cities, targeting travel trade representatives and media.

The annual series aims to acquaint new and established attendees with Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and provide the latest updates on the destination.

Attendees were welcomed by MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion, followed by a destination update by the MVA's Japan office and further presentations by numerous private sector partners providing services in the Northern Marianas.

"Much has changed since the MVA last met with regional travel agents and media. These classes provide those who sell our destination with the tools and excitement they need to begin the process of building our important Japan market back to its former glory," said Concepcion.

On May 20, 2016, at Shangri-La Tokyo, 143 trade and media reps attended. On May 21 68 reps attended the presentation at Ritz Carlton Osaka, while 57 reps attended at Hilton Nagoya on May 22.

Participating private sector partners were: Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, Aqua Resort

Club Saipan, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Country House, Moby Dick, Northern Marianas College, Couture Naoko Wedding, Grandvrio Resort Saipan, SandCastle Saipan, TASI Tours, T Galleria Saipan by DFS, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, PDI, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Mariana Resort & Spa, Marianas Trekking, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Watabe Wedding, and Rota Resort and Country Club. Door prizes were also distributed. ***(PR)***

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Opening Date: June 15, 2016
Closing Date: July 6, 2016

Position: Receptionist
Salary: PL 20/08 – $20,234.110 to PL 20/12 ($24,584.230 P/A)
(Starting salary will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.)

Job Location: NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI and austerity holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Applicants are requested to submit their original application and supporting documents to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2016, **OR MAILED AND POSTMARKED** no later than July 6, 2016, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
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CDA Commonwealth Development Authority

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION	:	Business Development Specialist
ANNUAL SALARY	:	$25,000 - $30,000
EMPLOYMENT TERM	:	Two (2) Years, renewable
CLOSING	:	Thursday, June 16, 2016

This position is an excepted service position. The employee works under the immediate supervision of the Economic Development Analyst. Performs tasks independently but seeks additional expertise when deviation from accepted practices are identified and as directed by the Economic Development Analyst. The employee serves as technical support and may lead less experienced staff and clerical staff. Completed projects are reviewed for adherence to basic principles of business management, rational conclusions and in conformance with policy.

The employee in this class performs technical and specialized duties in the collection and evaluation of data relating to the enforcement and compliance process of the Qualifying Certificate Program. The employee is required to perform timely and competent field inspection of QC recipients and prepares comprehensive reports thereon.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- Issues QC Applications and investment packets;
- Accepts, evaluates and processes applications;
- Conducts investigations for compliance and reporting;
- Maintains business relations with business organizations and government agencies for the effective delivery of the QC Program;
- Interfaces with program officials and interrelated agencies and facilities within the community to ensure that QC objectives are accomplished;
- Assists in the development and management of business promotional activities;
- Assists in communicating awareness and image of the Authority as the primary advocate of business;
- Provides support for QC Program and other CDA program objectives; and
- Performs all other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS:
Must hold a Bachelors Degree from a U.S. accredited college or university in Business Administration, Economics, Marketing, International Business, Finance or a closely related field. Two (2) years work experience in any business related field. Copy of degree/official transcript and police clearance must be attached to the application.

SKILLS:
- Some knowledge of laws, regulations, policies and services of the Authority.
- Some knowledge of principles and practices, rules and regulations governing the QC Program.
- Ability to interpret laws, contracts, ordinances and regulations.
- Make sound decisions, recommendations, and formulate solutions consistent with QC Program, its policies and procedures.
- Manage, and direct less experienced professional and clerical staff under his/her leadership.
- Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing with QC recipients, management, other employees and the general public.
- Ability to work exceptionally well with management, counsels, fellow employees and the general public.
- Ability to perform financial calculation and interpret the same.
- Ability to maintain records and produce reports.
- Exhibit a "self-starting" approach to work.
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- Possesses good computer skills in word processing, spreadsheets and desktop publishing.
- Evaluate and formulate solutions to complex situations.

For more information, please check "JOB OPPORTUNITIES" on our website at www.developmentcnmi.com

INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TO:
Office of Personnel Management
PO Box 5153 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950

D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

SALES REPRESENTATIVE - HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful, proven sales record. Ideally with an Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing or related field with experience in F&B, menu preparation & costing. Must be able to lift 50lbs. Ideally would have understanding of wine distribution. Makes outside sales calls to established customers and cold calls to potential customers. Coordinates deliveries. Researches potential products from experience, menu content or health requirements. Proficient in MS Excel, Word, Outlook. Ability to speak Cantonese, Japanese or Korean an advantage. Must have a valid driver's license. Availability to work evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

ACCOUNTANT

BA in Accounting and a minimum of 3 years experience is required, including preparation of financial statements, processing accounts receivables & payables and other general accounting procedures. Must possess work-related skills, have knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory control and bank reconciliation. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word, Outlook and SAGE or similar accounting system. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants may submit an application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by June 24th, 2016. Applications may also be sent to:info@dqsaipan.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

D&Q is an equal opportunity employer and has a drug free work environment.
Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required.

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN
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is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

IT Technical Support Specialist

Qualifications: Advanced experience in the configuration, installation, repair and troubleshooting of computer hardware, network switches, network line connections, routers, Ruckus A/P, phone lines, phone units and other computer peripherals. Advanced experience in networking phone system and security camera. Advanced experience with desktop operating systems and MS applications. Advanced experience and skills in problem identification and problem resolution techniques. Ability to prioritize tasks with long term projects and work in a fast paced environment with minimum supervision. Knowledge in property management POS, PBX system, web application and SAP. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, holidays and overtime if necessary. Working conditions may involve lifting and transporting of moderately heavy objects such as computers and peripherals.

Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from our security office located at the South Wing. To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than June 15, 2016. Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Century Hotel is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

Bartender (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum two (2) years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

Application may be picked up and submitted to Fiesta Resort's security office located in the South Wing. A drug test must be passed as a condition of employment.
Closing date: June 15, 2016

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CHILD CARE and DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) PROGRAM
Open for New Applicants CNMI Wide

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program will conduct pre-eligibility assessments in the CNMI for **new families who are working, going to school or in training**. A total of 100 slots will be available CNMI wide. Priorities for eligibility will be set as follows: 1. Low Income Families Children with Special Needs 2. Homeless Families with Children 3. Families with very low income.

Pre-eligibility assessments will be done at the following locations, date, and time:

Location	Date	Pre-Eligibility Assessment Time	Submission Location, Dates and Time	Last Date to Submit
Saipan Multi-Purpose Hall, Susupe	June 20, 2016 Cue Numbers for Pre-Eligibility #1 to #50 only	8:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.	June 23 to 30, 2016 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. CCDF Office Bldg. N0. 1347 Capitol Hill, Saipan	July 1, 2016 12:00p.m.
Saipan Multi-Purpose Hall, Susupe	June 21, 2016 Cue Numbers for Pre-Eligibility #51 to #100 only	8:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.	June 23 to 30, 2016 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. CCDF Office Bldg. N0. 1347 Capitol Hill, Saipan	July 1, 2016 12:00p.m.
Saipan Multi-Purpose Hall, Susupe	June 22, 2016 Cue Numbers for Pre-Eligibility: #101 to #150 only	8:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.	June 23 to 30, 2016 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. CCDF Office Bldg. N0. 1347 Capitol Hill, Saipan	July 1, 2016 12:00p.m.
Rota and Tinian	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced

Process:

- Cue Numbers 1 to 150 will **only be** distributed on Monday, June 20, 2016 to applicants with documents as listed below.
- Holders of Cue Numbers 1 to 50 will be accommodated for Pre-Eligibility on Monday, June 20, 2016,
- Holders of Cue Numbers 51 to 100 will be accommodated for Pre-Eligibility on Tuesday, June 21, 2016
- Holders of Cue Numbers 101 to 150 will be accommodated for Pre-Eligibility on Wednesday, June 22, 2016
- Cue Numbers will be called in order each day beginning 8:00a.m. and will stop at 11:30a.m.. If an applicant is not present when his/her cue number is called, CCDF will continue calling the rest of the Cue Numbers. Applicants who are not present at the time their cue number is called will be placed at the end of the last number for that day and will be called accordingly.
- Due to the requirement of CCDF to process applications in a timely manner, CCDF will only be able to accommodate cue numbers on the day they are scheduled.
- Please inform a CCDF Staff if you have special needs so that CCDF will make accommodations for you.
- You must have with you your Cue Number on the day of your Pre-Eligibility Assessment Schedule. No Cue Number, no Pre-Eligibility.
- All parents should bring the necessary documents as noted below to be accommodated for pre-eligibility. Documents should contain the information as identified in the listing below.

For Pre-Eligibility purposes, the following documents must be presented:

A. For Full Time Students or in Training with Zero Income:

- Valid Applicant Identification Card with Picture
- School Documents such as acceptance letter and/or class schedule
- Must be enrolled full time (12 credits)
- If attending ABE must provide letter from ABE Office indicating that the student is considered full time
- In Training: must have documents indicating a minimum of 40 training hours bi-weekly
- Distance Learning must address the following: the distance learning institution is recognized and accredited by the US Department of Education (htt://ope.ed.gov/accreditation), the parent or legal guardian is formally enrolled in the institution, has an educational plan, projected graduation date, identified course-work hours that need to be completed every month, quarterly, or semester

B. For Full Time students with income:

- Valid Applicant Identification Card with Picture
- All requirements under letter A plus
- Three (3) latest check stubs **showing**: Applicant's full name, business name, hours worked (a minimum of 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings for applicant and co-applicant
- Most recent 1040 Tax for year 2015 for both applicant and co-applicant

C. For working parents:

- Valid Applicant Identification Card with Picture
- Three (3) latest check stubs **showing**: Applicant's full name, hours worked (a minimum of 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings for applicant and co-applicant
- Most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2015 for applicant and co-applicant
- For new employees: Contract, Employer Certification of date to start, work authorization (such as CW 1, CW Receipt, EAD if applicable)

Once an applicant has gone through the Pre-Eligibility Process he/she may be provided the application. The applicant completes the application and submits the Full Requirements as stated below keeping in mind the due dates for submission.

Full Requirements

Applicant of Household

1. Three (3) latest check stubs each parent or legal guardian (if legal guardian, must provide copy of Court Documents)
   a. Applicant's Full Name
   b. Business Name
   c. Hours worked (minimum of 60 hours bi-weekly)
   d. Hourly Rate
   e. Gross Monthly Earnings

2. A copy of valid Identification Card for each parent or guardian
   a. Passport
   b. CNMI Driver's License
   c. Mayor's ID
   d. CW 1, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), Employer Certification indicating start of work
   e. Social Security Card

3. A copy of your most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2015 for Applicant and Co-Applicant
4. Residency: Provide one of the following:
   a. House Rental/ Mortgage
   b. Utility Receipt
   c. Telephone Receipt
   d. CW 1, EAD, CW Receipt, Any document indicating CW 1 petition has been submitted
5. Map To Residence
6. Employment verification (CCDF Form)
7. Training/Education Verification
   a. Letter of Acceptance from Institution
   b. Full time student
      i. Twelve (12) Credit Units
      ii. Letter from ABE indicating full time status
      iii. Distance Learning Requirement
   c. WIA Documents
   d. NMTI Documents
8. Notarized Affidavit indicating (CCDF Form)
   a. Parent is single
   b. Child Support Statement
9. Status: CW1, EAD

Child/Children Household member:

1. A copy of Birth Certificate for each child (Child must be a US citizen or a qualified alien, as defined in Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA)
2. A copy of US Passport
3. A copy of Social Security Card
4. Social Security (SSI) Statements (if applicable)
5. Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) (if applicable)

Income Eligibility

Family Size	Income Level
1	$1884.00
2	$1884.00
3	$2192.00
4	$3224.00
5	$3798.00
6	$4372.00
7	$4945.00
8	$4419.00

/s/ Maribel S. D. Loste, CCDF Administrator

/s/ Robert H. Hunter, DCCA Acting Secretary

Completed applications along with the required documents should be forwarded to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program Office Building No. 1347 Ascension Court Capitol Hill. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

For questions regarding the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program please call any of the CCDF Eligibility Specialists at 664-2575/664-2589/664-2576.

Funding from the Office of Child Care, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

CNMI Drug Court staffing announced

The long-awaited CNMI Drug Court Program, a preplea diversion model for substance users charged with a crime, is quickly becoming a reality. By the efforts and emphatic support of the community, the enabling act for CNMI Drug Court, Public Law 19-14, was signed into law on Oct. 28, 2015.

Following passage of the law, the Judiciary submitted a proposed budget to the Legislature and received local funding. Since then, the CNMI Judiciary has been working diligently to staff members of the CNMI Drug Court Team. After conducting a series of panel interviews, the CNMI Judiciary is proud to announce the newest members of the CNMI Drug Court Team.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, Drug Court Probation Officer Matilde Bermudes, Caseload Coordinator TaAnn T. Kabua, Drug Court Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio, Kim-Tenorio's law clerk Jacqueline A. Nicolas, and Certified Caseworker Jaclyn T. Mendiola.

Caseload coordinator: TaAnn T. Kabua has a Bachelors of Science degree focused on Rehabilitation & Human Services. Additionally, Kabua underwent basic and advanced army training and has substantial work experience in a managerial position with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Kabua has demonstrated that she is dedicated to this field, disciplined and extremely capable.

Certified caseworker: Jaclyn T. Mendiola graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Mendiola, who has worked as a Juvenile Court counselor, Adolescent counselor, and Community Works leader, has dedicated many years to public service.

Certified caseworker: Jane P. McCale has a Bachelors of Science degree in Rehabilitation & Human Services. Before joining the CNMI Drug Court Team, McCale was a case manager with the American Red Cross. While she was with the Red Cross, McCale assisted countless Typhoon Soudelor victims. Her eagerness and compassion is a great addition to the team.

Drug Court probation officer: Matilde Bermudes has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration, Associates of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice, and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Social Work. Bermudes, who has received substantial work experience, training and certifications from the Office of Adult Probation, has a lot to offer the CNMI Drug Court Team.

Drug Court Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio expressed the Judiciary's excitement over the staffing announcements, stating, "we are very fortunate to begin the CNMI Drug Court Program with such a strong caseload coordinator and cadre of team members focused on the goals of reducing the number of drug abusers, drug related crimes and recidivism here in the CNMI, while enabling offenders to become productive members of society." To allow for the necessary training and preparation, the team anticipates a projected date for the first CNMI Drug Court session in August. ***(PR)***

Bordallo pushes for Social Security, Medicaid, tax equity

Bordallo

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo testified today before the House Rules Committee to request that two amendments she filed be made in order for debate on H.R. 5278, the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA). She also testified in support of amendments submitted by Rep. Kilili Sablan (CNMI) and Rep. Amata Radewagen (American Samoa).

Bordallo submitted a bipartisan amendment that would provide parity for Guam and other U.S. territories in the administration of Medicaid. Her amendment would eliminate the territories' Medicaid caps and increase the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) to state-like levels. Congresswoman Bordallo's amendment was cosponsored by Reps. Kilili Sablan (CNMI), Pedro Pierluisi (Puerto Rico), Amata Radewagen (American Samoa), and Stacey Plaskett (Virgin Islands). Her amendment builds off recommendations from the Obama Administration proposed in their FY17 budget proposal and which they requested be included in the initial Puerto Rico legislation.

Bordallo also submitted the text of her bill, H.R. 3642, as an amendment that would provide flexibility to the Government of Guam in extending Social Security eligibility to new government hires. The amendment would change existing federal law that requires Guam to enroll all government employees in Social Security if it decided to extend the program to government workers. Her amendment addresses local senators' request that only certain Government of Guam employees be eligible for social security to ensure the hybrid retirement plans are feasible and cost effective.

Bordallo further testified in favor of amendments offered by Sablan that would provide a federal cover over to the territories for the Earned Income Tax Credit and by Radewagen that would provide federal cover over to the territories for the Child Tax Credit. She was a cosponsor of both amendments and has worked with her colleagues on several occasions to rectify these issues through standalone legislation or omnibus packages.

"Puerto Rico's debt crisis cannot be resolved through debt restructuring alone. This debt crisis was caused by underlying issues caused by the unequal treatment of the territories in federal programs. The amendments my colleagues and I offered would provide much needed fixes to the disparities our territories experience with regard to Medicaid, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and the Child Tax Credit. My Social Security amendment would also enable Guam to proactively address the shortcomings of GovGuam's retirement system, a system that has similar challenges as Puerto Rico's and was a factor in Puerto Rico's debt crisis."

"Addressing these issues would help our local governments focus more on economic development and improving infrastructure to support our economies and families. The policy issues addressed in the amendments filed by myself and the other territorial delegates would help to address these legacy issues once and for all. I hope that the Republican leadership will to find the political will to address the systemic challenges now, to avoid any crisis in the future. I will continue to work with my colleagues to address these issues so that our territories do not experience a similar situation as in Puerto Rico." ***(PR)***

Cruz questions general fund tax revenue reported in April 2016

»$9.3.M withholding tax revenue from GMHA recorded

HAGÅTÑA—Determined to ensure that monthly financial reports detailing the state of GovGuam's finances are accurate, honest, and accountable—appropriations chair Vice Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz is calling on the Department of Administration (DOA) to explain whether the government's recognition of $9.3 million dollars for the month of April in withholding revenue was collected in actual cash, or was merely a paper entry used to improve the appearance of the most recent Consolidated Revenue and Expenditure Report (CRER).

In a letter transmitted to DOA Director Christine W. Baleto this morning, Cruz highlights that the oldest of GMHA's Income Tax Withholding receivables date back to October 2015, affecting the appearance of the April 2016 CRER.

"I want to ensure that we are not over-representing what was actually collected in April—which is supposed to be our banner month each fiscal year—in terms of cash collections," explained Cruz. "We owe it to the people of Guam to provide the most accurate information possible in these government financial reports."

Cruz's letter was issued upon the appropriations chair's examination of the overdue April 2016 Consolidated Revenue and Expenditure Report (CRER), which was submitted to the Legislature after the Vice Speaker sent a Freedom of Information Act request notifying the Bureau of Budget and Management Research that the report was 11 days past its statutory deadline.

"The recognition of revenue is a critical aspect in evaluating the CRERs each month," said Cruz, whose letter calls for an explanation of any and all anomalies to allow for accurate comparison of revenues against prior year collections. "If these types of details are not noted with explanations, how can we guarantee that everyone is on the same page when it comes to government finances?"

As the budget season continues—and with a looming cumulative General Fund deficit of nearly $85 million, the highest deficit since before the tax refund bond was issued—Cruz continues to scrutinize monthly CRERs and other government financial reports to ensure that the public is well aware of the current fiscal situation.

"When agencies begin coming to the Legislature requesting their wish lists based on Governor Calvo's General Fund revenue increase for FY 2017, I want them to be realistic and understanding of the current fiscal situation," said Cruz, who noted that, for FY 2017, the Governor increased the General Fund revenue available for appropriation by almost 11 percent, resulting in a proposed $71 million in additional spending in comparison to current FY 2016 GF revenues. "During the last budget season, I received a lot of criticism from Adelup that our revenue estimates were not as aggressive as the governor would have liked, but had we not lowered the revenues and associated proposed expenditures by $40 million, we would be staring down at a larger deficit." ***(PR)***

Busines

Orlando shooter had worked for security firm tainted by blunders

LONDON (AP)—The security company that employed the shooter in the Orlando nightclub massacre has been tarred by a series of blunders and scandals that have raised questions about its competency and ethics.

London-based G4S acknowledged Monday that Omar Mateen, whose rampage left 49 people dead and more than 50 wounded, worked for the firm at a residential community in south Florida.

The ties to the man behind the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history is the latest dark cloud to loom over G4S. Concerns that the fallout from Mateen's attacks might make it more difficult for G4S to get security contracts contributed to a 5 percent decline in the company's stock Monday.

Founded in Denmark more than 100 years ago, G4S entered the U.S. market in a big way in 2002 with its purchase of The Wackenhut Corp., the country's second-largest security services firm at the time. The Wackenhut name was dropped a few years ago.

G4S is now the world's largest security company, measured by employees. It has 610,000 workers, including about 50,000 in the U.S, according to its website. It earned 227 million pounds (about $324 million at current exchange rates) on revenue of 6.4 billion pounds last year, excluding the businesses it trying to sell or close.

The company provides security for sports and rock stars in addition to 40 U.S. embassies and 32 juvenile-justice detention facilities in the U.S., including 28 residential centers in Florida.

In recent years, though, G4S has had trouble protecting its own reputation.

It created a huge headache during the 2012 London Olympics when it didn't deliver the number of security guards promised in its contract. The British military had to be called in to fill the gap, forcing G4S to help cover the costs.

G4S came under fire again in 2013 when it and a competitor were found to have overbilled the U.K. government for the electronic tagging of criminals. The scandal cost G4S 116 million pounds in settlement charges and 45 million pounds in lost profits.

In a mortifying gaffe, G4S staff in 2011 attached an electronic monitoring tag to the false leg of a criminal, who was able to simply remove the prosthetic—and the tag—during his court-ordered curfew.

Rule aims to protect students from rogue for-profit schools

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration is trying to make it easier for students who have been misled or defrauded by their colleges to have their loans forgiven.

The Education Department says a rule proposed Monday would lay out a clear relief process for borrowers who believe they were lied to about job prospects after college or otherwise deceived in order to enroll in the school. It also aims to hold schools accused of fraud or at financial risk more accountable by requiring them to notify prospective and enrolled students, as well as set aside money that could help cover future claims against the school.

The proposal follows the collapse last year of Corinthian Colleges, one of the largest for-profit college companies.

"A college degree remains one of the best investments anyone can make in his or her future," Education Secretary John B. King Jr. said on a call with reporters. "But that's only true if it's a meaningful degree that helps you land a better job, not if it's a worthless piece of paper that's an artifact of deception rather than proof of accomplishment."

Undersecretary Ted Mitchell said the new regulations, expected to take effect in July 2017, "would replace a complicated uneven and burdensome standard that varies by state with a new robust federal standard that will allow easy use by students."

The proposal would streamline debt relief for groups of students if they all experienced the same misconduct by a school, such as instances of wide misrepresentation—meaning they all wouldn't have to file individual applications for loan forgiveness. The new provisions also would bar colleges from forbidding students from class-action lawsuits as part of enrollment agreements, something Corinthian had done.

Microsoft to buy networking site LinkedIn for $26.2 billion

NEW YORK (AP)—In a surprise move, Microsoft said Monday that it is buying LinkedIn for about $26.2 billion, a deal that could bring subtle but significant changes for the professional network's more than 430 million members.

LinkedIn will remain an independent unit of Microsoft. It will keep its name, and current CEO Jeff Weiner will stay on and report directly to Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella. LinkedIn lets members network with other professionals, upload their resumes, catch up on career advice and search for jobs.

For Microsoft, the deal presents an opportunity to cement itself as the tech company for the world's professionals, helping them find jobs, learn new skills and do their work. Microsoft will also look for ways to combine Microsoft's software for workers with the information stored in LinkedIn's online professional network.

For instance, Nadella told The Associated Press that Microsoft's digital assistant Cortana could mine LinkedIn for helpful data. "Cortana can wake up before you go into a meeting and inform you about all the people you are meeting for the first time and the connections you have with them," he said.

Similarly, he said, LinkedIn's "news feed"—which provides articles and updates from your contacts on the network—could highlight information that's relevant to a project you might be working on using Microsoft's Office 365 software. LinkedIn users might see changes in the first year after the deal is closed, Nadella said.

Microsoft may also integrate its business software with LinkedIn's growing business of providing sales professionals with contacts and information to help make sales to large companies.

LinkedIn, based in Mountain View, California, is by far Microsoft's largest acquisition—much larger than Skype, which the company bought for $8.5 billion in 2011. Microsoft Corp., which is in Redmond, Washington, is paying $196 for each share of LinkedIn Corp., a 50 percent premium over the stock's closing price of $131.08 on Friday. The deal is expected to close this year.

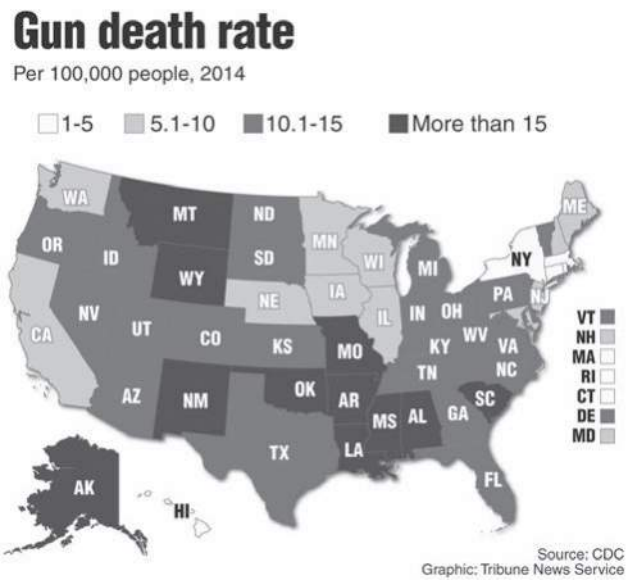
Nation

Omar Mateen appears to have been 'homegrown extremist'

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—The gunman whose attack on a gay nightclub left 49 victims dead appears to have been a "homegrown extremist" who espoused support for a jumble of often-conflicting Islamic radical groups, the White House and the FBI said Monday.

As Orlando mourned its dead with flowers, candles and vigils, counterterrorism investigators dug into the background of 29-year-old Omar Mateen, the American-born Muslim who carried out the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

"So far, we see no indication that this was a plot directed from outside the United States, and we see no indication that he was part of any kind of network," said FBI Director James Comey. But he said Mateen was clearly "radicalized," at least in part via the internet.



Comey said the bureau is also trying to determine whether Mateen had recently scouted Disney World as a potential target, as reported by People.com, which cited an unidentified federal law enforcement source.

"We're still working through that," Comey said.

The FBI chief defended the bureau's handling of Mateen during two previous investigations into his apparent terrorist sympathies. As for whether there was anything the FBI should have done differently, "so far, the honest answer is, I don't think so," Comey said.

Puerto Rico prepares for wave of losses after club shooting

PONCE, Puerto Rico (AP)—Eduardo Pacheco wrote the names of every person killed in an Orlando nightclub on a bright green poster spread across the hood of a car, preparing for a vigil to the fallen. He stopped halfway, unable to go on as tears filled his eyes.

Five of the names on the list were his friends, all from the city of Ponce in Puerto Rico, an island preparing for a wave of losses following early Sunday's attack in the Pulse gay nightclub as it was celebrating Latin night. Mourners young and old clutched candles and posters at Monday night's vigil in this southern coastal city, still stunned by the news.

"It was such a tremendous loss. He was such a great human being. All five of them were," said Pacheco of his best friend, who was among those killed, and the other four victims. He said two of them were on vacation in Orlando, while the other three had moved there in recent years.

While many Latinos were among the dead, Puerto Ricans feared their island would be inordinately hit as LGBT activists were struck by how many had characteristically Puerto Rican names.

So far, nearly "all of the names of the victims seem to be Puerto Rican," Karina Claudio Betancourt, a Puerto Rican activist who is a program officer with the Open Society Foundations, said as the names rolled out.

The shooting hit the close-knit LGBT community of Ponce, Puerto Rico's second largest city on its southern coast, particularly hard. Many knew the five victims and said some had moved to Orlando to find jobs and flee a dire economic crisis that has sparked the largest exodus of Puerto Ricans to the U.S. mainland in decades.

ACROSS THE NATION

Family of mother suspected of killing her 3 sons speaks out

PHOENIX (AP)—The family of an Arizona mother suspected of killing her three young sons spoke out about the tragic event Monday. Relatives of 29-year-old Octavia Rogers thanked family and friends for the outpouring of support they have received since Rogers was arrested earlier this month. The victims' grandmother Tanella McCoy described Rogers as a mother who loved her children unconditionally. "There is nothing she would not do for her boys and for me," she told reporters. "I'm ready for the fight because that's my baby and I love my daughter." Authorities say officers found the bodies of Rogers' sons stabbed to death in a closet after the suspect's brother called 911 when Rogers stabbed herself in the abdomen and neck. The boys were ages 2 months and 5 and 8 years old.

Juror in Stanford sex assault case appalled by sentence

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—A juror who helped convict a former Stanford University student-athlete of sexually assaulting an unconscious woman thinks the "ridiculously lenient" six-month jail sentence imposed by the presiding judge has made a mockery of the jury's verdict, a newspaper reported Monday. The Palo Alto Weekly published a letter that the juror sent Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky over the weekend to convey his shock and disappointment over the sentence 20-year-old Brock Turner received. "It seems to me that you really did not accept the jury's findings," he wrote to the judge. "We were unanimous in our finding of the defendant's guilt and our verdicts were marginalized based on your own personal opinion."

Asia

Pakistan's transgenders mocked by most and abhorred by many

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—Abandoned by family and mocked by their society, the life of a Pakistani transgender is lonely.

It can even be deadly.

Alisha was just 23 years old when she was shot five times last month, allegedly by a boyfriend who has since been arrested. She died of her wounds three days later. Her friends say she was neglected by doctors and medical professionals who taunted her, rather than treated her, and that three hours passed before Alisha went into surgery after arriving at the hospital.

As she lay bleeding, the hospital's health workers crowded around her, making jokes and ridiculing her, said her friend Paro, herself transgender.

"I shouted: 'She is not dancing. She is dying. For God and the Prophet's sake leave her alone, let her breathe," Paro recalled, her voice rising as she remembered pushing the crowd away.

Farzana, another friend, said the hospital shuffled Alisha from ward to ward. First they sent her to the male ward, but the other patients and family members ordered her out. She was shunted then to the female ward, but she wasn't welcome there either, said Farzana, who heads an organization devoted to fighting for the rights of transgender people in Pakistan's conservative northwest.

AP

In this Wednesday, May 25, 2016 photo, Pakistani transgenders mourn the death of their colleague Alisha in Peshawar, Pakistan.

As outcasts, Pakistan's transgender people are often forced into begging, dancing and even prostitution to earn money. They also live in fear of attacks, causing most to either change their names or use only one name to give them anonymity in their society. Paro and Farzana have both changed their names, as had Alisha, abandoning their male names with their gender.

The Pakistani Supreme Court has designated transgender people as a third gender, which under law should afford them protection but in practice, Kamran Arif, vice president of the independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, said transgender people bear the brunt of some of the worst discrimination. They are sexually abused, assaulted and even murdered.

PH officials confirm Canadian hostage was beheaded

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine officials confirmed Tuesday that Abu Sayyaf militants beheaded a Canadian man, the second Canadian hostage to be killed in two months after their demands for a large ransom were not met.

The hostage, Robert Hall, was abducted from a marina last September along with another Canadian, a Norwegian and a Filipino. The other Canadian, former mining executive John Ridsdel, was beheaded in April.

Presidential spokesman Herminio Coloma condemned "the brutal and senseless murder" of Hall. He had been held by the Abu Sayyaf in the jungles of southern Sulu province for nine months.

"This latest heinous crime serves to strengthen our government's resolve to put an end to this reign of terror and banditry," he said in a statement.

A militant video obtained by Philippine police officials and seen by The Associated Press showed Hall in an orange shirt and kneeling in front of a black Islamic State-style flag before he was killed in a jungle area.

An Abu Sayyaf deadline for the payment of a large ransom lapsed Monday and police later found a severed head of a Caucasian man outside a Roman Catholic cathedral in Sulu province's main Jolo town.

In Ottawa, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said there was "compelling reason to believe" that Hall had been killed by his captors, and that the Canadian government was working with Philippine authorities to confirm his death.

"We have every reason to believe that the reports are unfortunately true," Trudeau said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

4 people died in apparent bear attacks in northern Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Police say four people appeared to have been killed by a bear or bears in a small area of northern Japan in three weeks. Kazuno Police Station spokesman Noboru Abukawa said the remains of all four victims had bites and scratches on their bodies presumably made by "a large animal." The three men and one woman, from age 65 to 79, were killed in a mountainous area within a 2.5-kilometer (1.6-mile) radius in Akita prefecture since May 20. Abukawa said the city of Kazuno had had no deaths from bear attacks in the last five years.

Explosion at Shanghai's main international airport injures 4

SHANGHAI (AP)—A small explosion at a check-in area of Shanghai's main international airport injured four people Sunday but did not cause any disruption to flights, officials said. The blast at Pudong International Airport, China's second-busiest, occurred at around 2:20 p.m. and appeared to have been caused by some sort of homemade explosive, the airport's management said on its verified microblog account. It said the four injured people were taken to a hospital but gave no word about their condition. There was no disruption to flights into or out of the airport, the management said, although police and internal security troops cordoned off the area and checked for additional explosives.

World

Officials: Police couple killed outside Paris, child rescued

PARIS (AP—A knife-wielding attacker stabbed a senior police officer to death Monday evening outside his home in a distant suburb of Paris, officials said. The attacker and a female companion of the police commander were later found dead after police commandos stormed the home and rescued the couple's three-year-old son.

French officials said anti-terrorism prosecutors were investigating the attack. The Islamic State's Amaq news agency cited an unnamed "source" as saying an IS fighter carried out the attack, but the extremist jihadist group has not officially claimed responsibility.

The off-duty police commander was attacked outside his home in Magnanville, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) west of Paris, interior minister spokesman Pierre-Henry Brandet told reporters at the scene. The attacker then retreated indoors and elite police commandos laid siege to the residence, eventually storming it after a roughly three-hour standoff. Brandet said the woman, the commander's companion and a fellow police worker, was found dead, as was the attacker. The police couple's son was unharmed.

Although officials said the attacker was killed by police when they stormed the residence, it was unclear how the woman was killed.

"The toll is a heavy one," Brandet told reporters, his voice heavy with emotion. "This commander, this police officer was killed by the individual ... (and) we discovered the body of a woman. The assailant, the criminal was killed. Thankfully, a little boy was saved. He was in the house. He's safe and sound. He was saved by police officers."

The Paris prosecutor's office said early Tuesday that anti-terrorism investigators had been brought in to the case given the target, the method behind the attack, and what the attacker said to police during the ensuing standoff.

The office did not elaborate, but French media, some of them citing unnamed neighbors, reported that the attacker was heard shouting "Allahu Akbar"—Arabic for "God is Great"—during the attack.

French prosecutor Vincent Lesclous—who said he knew the slain police commander—told reporters that the boy was found "shocked but unharmed." He said the assailant's identity was unknown.

Drought heightens seasonal food scarcity in Guatemala

SAN JUAN ERMITA, Guatemala (AP)—A prolonged drought has worsened the hunger problem among Guatemala's heavily indigenous population. In a country where about 60 percent of the people live on less than $3.50 per day, hunger is always a concern. But now, it has hit especially hard in areas like Chiquimula, one of the provinces where meager rainfalls limit farmers to one crop per year.

The victims are like 2-year-old Narcisa, who is being treated for severe malnutrition at a Chiquimula clinic. Her father, Samuel de Jesus, doesn't leave her bedside, but he couldn't feed her either. A farmer, Samuel de Jesus hasn't been able to get the work he needs to tide him over between harvests for four months. With a wife and two other children, there was no way to make ends meet.

It is part of what experts call "seasonal hunger," the period between June and September when the previous harvest runs out and the Guatemalan government has to provide food assistance for about one million people before the crops come in.

The farmers, many of them Chorti Indians, live off corn, beans and coffee, but don't grow enough to make it through the year.

Jovita Vasquez says she needs a 110-pound (50-kilogram) sack of corn each week to feed her 11 children. They live in a shack with no running water or electricity in the mountains near the border with Honduras.

"Last year we planted corn, but it didn't rain and we lost everything," Vasquez says. "There is no work here, and my husband has to really hustle to get even tortillas for the kids."

The Jupilingo river is one of the few sources of fresh water in the area, but its level has dropped and the surrounding hillsides have been largely deforested.

Ethiopia, Eritrea trade accusations over border incident

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—Ethiopia and Eritrea are trading accusations over an incident in a disputed border area, with Ethiopia on Monday confirming its military had taken "proportional measures" against Eritrea in response to an attempted attack in the Tsorona area the day before.

"The attack heavily weakened Eritrean military's attacking capacity," Ethiopia's Communications Affairs Office said.

In a statement late Sunday, Eritrea's Information Ministry accused Ethiopian troops of carrying out attacks against Eritrean positions in the Tsorona Central Front.

The two countries have been in a stalemate since the end in 2000 of a border war in which tens of thousands of people were killed. The countries do not have diplomatic relations and have accused each other of training and deploying banned armed groups.

Relatives of people who live in the Tsorona area said their families were fleeing following heavy shelling early Sunday.

"My father lives in the area and told me by phone of heavy shelling in the area," Yared Tewolde said. "One heavy artillery shell has landed very close to a school, and this has scared many."

Charlotte King, an analyst with the Economist Intelligence Unit, said accusations of direct attacks by the two countries are relatively rare.

"It is also unusual for the Eritrean government to comment on violent outbreaks," she said, adding that Eritrea may be trying to divert international attention away from a U.N. commission's report released last week that accused the government of widespread crimes against humanity.

In New York, the spokesman for the U.N. chief, Stephane Dujarric, said Ban Ki-moon urged both sides to "exercise maximum restraint."

Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn recently told The Associated Press that his forces will act against Eritrea if Ethiopia is provoked. He called the Eritrean government an "arrogant and very stubborn regime."

Good Housekeeping

Diggin' In: Wild petunia provides pretty summer flowers

Carolina wild petunia. TNS

Common buckeye on coneflower. TNS

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Petunias produce pretty summer flowers, and the native Carolina wild petunia is no exception.

The wild petunia, scientifically known as Ruellia caroliniensis, is a Coastal Plain native perennial that returns each year from previous locations and from self-seedings, according to Helen Hamilton, past president of the John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society, and retired biology teacher living in Williamsburg, Va.

The petunia blooms May through September, with each flower lasting only a day but followed by other blooms in quick succession. As the flowers fade, seeds form and eject themselves into the air, meaning baby plants soon appear anywhere and everywhere.

Best of all, wild petunia is not fussy about where it grows — any soil is OK, full sun or part shade works and drought doesn't deter it.

"The lavender-blue, one-inch flowers are a bright spot in the garden, growing only a foot or so tall on somewhat straggly stems," says Hamilton.

"This plant's dark green lance-shaped leaves look wonderful alongside orange butterfly milkweed, jewelweed and bluestar."

The flowers benefit pollinators, including large bees. Carolina wild petunia is also host to the common buckeye butterfly, giving its caterpillars leaves to feed on while they develop into adults.

A relative of Carolina wild petunia, Mexican petunia (Ruellia brittoniana) is native to Mexico. Listed as invasive in several states, the aggressive annual — or perennial further south — and its popular cultivar called Purple Showers is sold along with other cultivars, including the poplar Wave petunias.

The garden petunia (Petunia x hybrida) is not closely related, and is actually a member of the potato family, which includes tobacco, tomatoes and chili peppers, according to Hamilton.

Carolina wild petunia is sometimes sold in garden centers, and is often found in native plant sales or online nurseries. Deer do not bother the fuss-free plant.

COMMON BUCKEYE BUTTERFLY

Common buckeye butterflies are easy to spot — brown wings bordered with cream, yellow or orange and several prominent eyespots, which may help protect them from hungry birds, according to Hamilton.

On the ground, common buckeye, or Junonia coenia, usually rests with open wings on bare ground or low plants, especially mountain mints, plantains, asters, tickseed sunflower, sedum and dogbane.

"Since adults live only a few days, usually no more than 10, they are very interested in mating," says Hamilton.

"Male buckeyes perching on low ground are watching for females; they will chase away another male buckeye and encourage a female buckeye to land where mating can occur."

After mating, female buckeyes deposit just one tiny whitish egg on a leaf bud or the upper side of a leaf. As they progress through four moltings, the larvae (caterpillars) are black with rows of orange and cream spots from which emerge short hairy black spines, continues Hamilton. The head is also black with an orange spot and two short black spines on top. Larvae transform into pupae where metamorphosis is completed — May through October, two to three broods appear.

Female buckeyes lay their eggs only on the plants that the developing caterpillars will eat. In Hampton Roads, Wild petunia (Ruellia caroliniensis) is a favorite host plant along with smooth beardtongue (Penstemon digitalis) and blue vervain (Verbena hastata), says Hamilton.

Living Smart: Consider seamless countertops

If you're spending a good amount of money to have new countertops installed in your kitchen, you'll likely want the end result to be perfect — free from visible seams.

Seams can stand out and can take away from the overall appearance of the countertops. The lack of seams would give the countertops a smoother, more appealing look. According to countertop experts, stone countertops are your best bet for seamless perfection.

"Seamless countertops are definitely possible," says Joy Coleman of highly rated A Joy of Granite & Natural Stone in Dallas. "A slab can come in lots of different sizes. We always try to make sure there are as few seams as possible anyway, but if it's the right kitchen with the right sizes for the slab, then the countertop can be installed without any seams at all."

BUYING GRANITE SLABS

The Dallas countertop expert explains how her company orders "a slab that is the same size or bigger than the measurement needed for the countertops. The only problem is if you can't find a slab that fits the exact measurements that you need. In that case, you will have to order a slab that's larger than what you need."

Depending on how much of the slab will be left, this may not be very cost effective. Instead of wasting extra money and materials, some homeowners should consider ordering slabs in smaller sizes so that the exact measurements can be met without overcompensating. Although seams will be inevitable when fitting several smaller slabs together, there are ways to make them blend with the countertops so that they are virtually invisible.

Michael Field of highly rated Quality Surfaces Inc. in Spencer, Ind., shares how he deals with countertop seams. "Stone countertops usually come in slabs that are 100 inches to 120 inches long. If the measurements for the countertop are longer than that, you're going to end up with seams," he says. "With stone countertops, though, we can easily do inconspicuous seams. The seams are there, but they aren't visible. They just blend right in with the rest of the countertop."

TNS

Countertop installation experts say to avoid seams. You can purchase a slab bigger than the countertop space, budget permitting.

The Indianapolis, Ind.-area countertop installer says to achieve a seamless look, "We use a liquid form of the exact same material that was used for the countertops to fill the space between the slabs. Then we put the sealer on the countertops. When it's all finished, you can't even tell that there's a seam there because it matches the rest of the countertop so closely."

MAKING GRANITE COUNTERTOPS SEAMLESS

If you're insistent on having seamless countertops in your kitchen, the first step is to have a professional take measurements to see if there are large enough slabs available. If a slab cannot be sized to fit your kitchen, draw upon the experience of your countertop installer who will help come up with the solution to best fit your needs. ***(Angie's List)***

Life & Style

Jury to decide whether 'Stairway to Heaven' riff is lifted

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Generations of aspiring guitarists have tried to copy the riff from Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven."

Starting on Tuesday, a Los Angeles court will try to decide whether the members of Led Zeppelin themselves ripped off the riff.

The band's guitarist Jimmy Page and singer Robert Plant are named as defendants in the lawsuit brought by the trustee of guitarist Randy Wolfe from the band Spirit. Attorneys for the trustee contend that 1971's "Stairway to Heaven" copies music from the Spirit song "Taurus," which Wolfe wrote in either 1966 or 1967. Wolfe died in 1997, drowning while saving his son in Hawaii.

Page, Plant and their bandmate John Paul Jones are all expected to testify at the trial, though Jones has been dismissed as a defendant in the case.

Led Zeppelin and Spirit performed at some concerts and festivals around the same time, but not on the same stage.

U.S District Judge R. Gary Klausner ruled in April that evidence presented in hearings made a credible case that Led Zeppelin may have heard "Taurus" performed before their song was created.

Francis Alexander Malofiy, attorney for Wolfe's trustee Michael Skidmore, said while many copyright cases are an uphill battle, Klausner's ruling brings his client one step closer to getting Wolfe credit for helping create one of the most recognizable song introductions in rock history.

AP

In this July 13, 1985 file photo, singer Robert Plant, left, and guitarist Jimmy Page of the British rock band Led Zeppelin perform at the Live Aid concert at Philadelphia's J.F.K. Stadium.

Led Zeppelin's attorneys argued that both "Stairway to Heaven" and "Taurus" use notes and combinations that have been circulating in music for centuries.

The song has generated hundreds of millions of dollars over the years. Wolfe's attorneys overcame statute-of-limitations hurdles to sue over "Stairway to Heaven" because the song was remastered and re-released in 2014.

The lawsuit also came after a high-profile victory last year when a federal jury found that Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams had copied a Marvin Gaye song to create their 2013 hit, "Blurred Lines" and awarded Gaye's children $7.4 million.

A judge trimmed the award, and the verdict is under appeal, but the decision appears to have prompted a surge in copyright-infringement filings.

Janet Waldo, voice of Judy Jetson and Josie, dies

NEW YORK (AP)—Janet Waldo, who provided the voice for Judy Jetson and many other cartoon characters, has died.

The veteran film, TV and radio actress died Sunday at age 96 at her home in Encino, California.

Her daughter Lucy Lee told The Associated Press on Monday that Waldo had been battling a brain tumor.

A native of Yakima, Washington, Waldo was featured in the futuristic series "The Jetsons," which initially aired in the 1960s. Her other credits included Josie in "Josie and the Pussycats" and Fred Flintstone's mother-in-law in "The Flintstones."

Before "The Jetsons," Waldo had been an actress for decades, appearing on such sitcoms as "I Love Lucy" and "The Andy Griffith Show," plus dozens of movies and radio programs.

Waldo's husband, playwright Robert Edwin Lee, died in 1994.

Late-night jokesters get serious about shootings in Orlando

NEW YORK (AP)—As they returned to work after Sunday morning's mass shooting in a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, TV's late-night hosts faced the challenge none of them looks forward to.

Their specialty is mining laughs. Their quarry is the foolishness of the human race and the absurdities gleaned from the latest news. But when a national tragedy afflicts the nation—an event too wrenching to ignore and certainly no laughing matter—these jokesters must shift gears. They have to find a way to bond with their viewers, as they do every night, but with shared feelings unrelieved by the comfort of comedy.

That is what a number of these hosts did Monday night, opening their respective shows with apologies for departing from their customary hijinks, and with heart-felt expressions of shock and sorrow:

■ **Trevor Noah ("The Daily Show"):** "I wonder if President Obama ever thought to himself that mass-shooting speeches would be such a big part of his job. Because at this point he's hosted 12 state dinners, but he's had to give 16 mass-shooting addresses. So right now the White House is using more Kleenex than it is good napkins. ... America needs to ask itself the question: Do you want to be a country that takes reasonable measures to protect its citizens, or should we tell the president to prepare speech No. 17?"

■ **Jimmy Fallon ("The Tonight Show"):** "This (shooter) was just one bad guy here. Forty-nine good people, and one bad guy. And there will always be more good than evil. When I think of Orlando, I think of nothing but fun and joy and families. If anyone can do it, you can. Keep loving each other, keep respecting each other, and keep on dancing."

■ **Stephen Colbert ("The Late Show"):** After so many mass shootings, "it's as if there's a national script that we have learned, and I think that by accepting the script we tacitly accept that the script will end the same way every time with nothing changing, except for the loved ones and families of the victims, for whom nothing will ever be the same. ... Love gives us the courage to act. Love gives us hope that change is possible. Love allows us to change the script. So love your country, love your family, love the families and the victims and the people of Orlando."

■ **Conan O'Brien ("Conan"):** "Now I am not a pundit, I am not an expert, and I have always, always made it a policy to stick to my job and keep my opinions to myself. I have really tried very hard over the years not to bore you with what I think. However, I am a father of two, I like to believe I have a shred of common sense, and I simply do not understand why anybody in this country is allowed to purchase and own a semi-automatic assault rifle. These are weapons of war and they have no place in civilian life."

■ **Larry Wilmore ("The Nightly Show"):** "When the news broke, the people of this nation were unified in a selfless outpouring of support for the victims and their families. Well, it was selfless except for one person," indicating a self-congratulatory tweet by presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump.

■ **Seth Meyers ("Late Night")** also referenced Trump's tweet (which said "Appreciate the congrats for being right on radical Islamic terrorism...."): "I don't know who's been congratulating Donald Trump, but you may want to redirect your congratulations to the first responders or those waiting in line to give blood. ... I have a feeling Donald Trump's not giving blood, and if he did, no one would want it, because it probably looks like ectoplasm."

Not every friend desires to be eligible for benefits

DEAR ABBY: Some people believe sex with friends can turn a friendship into chaos. I don't believe it because I can remain a friend and still be there intimately. I have a friend I feel would be a good match because we are both very sexual and filthy-minded. We continuously tease about it. I know it's only a joke, but I believe he's the type of person who would feel the friendship would be lost if we were intimate—or worse, if we aren't compatible in bed.

Can someone joke around so much about something and not want to do it? Also, I'm not the type he would ever see himself having sex with, and he says he can't believe he feels this way.

Should we try it or leave it alone, as it will only be sex? It's not like we're looking to fall in love. Men always say they would love to have a friend with benefits, but if it happens they can't handle it.

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS

DEAR F.W.B.: In order to be friends with benefits, you have to have two people who are willing. The man you have described seems to be all hat and no cattle. Leave it alone.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently moved in with my boyfriend and now live two hours away from my parents. (Before, it was only 10 minutes.)

My boyfriend has been offered an incredible job in a different country and has asked me to go with him. It means I'll have to quit my job, which is a good one. But he has promised to financially support me during the two years we would be there, including adding to my usual savings and paying the mortgage on the condo I left when I moved in with him. He's talking about an engagement and marriage when we get back.

My problem is my parents. Their definition of "success" is marriage and family. Because they never taught my brother and me how to communicate, I'm deathly afraid to tell them that we are moving to a different country. The thought of upsetting them is paralyzing me. I am losing sleep and considering breaking up with him so I can keep the peace with my family. What do I do?

TORN UP

DEAR TORN UP: Allow me to offer a suggestion that may keep peace in your family. Because your boyfriend is talking about marriage "when you get back," I propose that you suggest to him that the two of you be married before you leave. Problem solved.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a female in my mid-20s. I have recently hired a personal trainer at my local gym. So far, it isn't working out as I had hoped.

My trainer isn't really training me. He spends half the time trying to flirt. He says we could have a great time together when we aren't in session. I've recently heard he does this with most of his female clients. I am a nice person, but it's getting out of hand. What do I do? Should I tell his boss?

STILL OUT OF SHAPE IN ALABAMA

DEAR STILL OUT: Do not report your trainer to his boss immediately. Talk to him first. Tell him that when he flirts it makes you uncomfortable, and you prefer to keep your relationship with him strictly professional. However, if he continues after that, you should not only report it to his boss, you should also hire another trainer.

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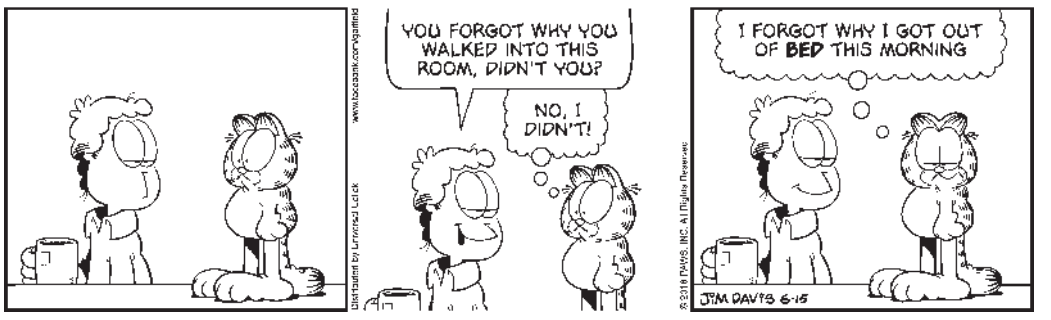

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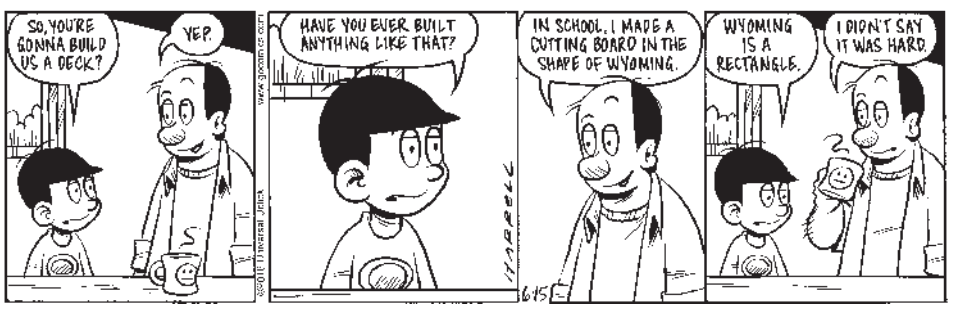
SO, YOU'RE GONNA BUILD US A DECK?
YEP.
HAVE YOU EVER BUILT ANYTHING LIKE THAT?
IN SCHOOL, I MADE A CUTTING BOARD IN THE SHAPE OF WYOMING.
WYOMING IS A RECTANGLE.
I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS HARD.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

THE HAIRDRESSERS LOCAL 704 AT CHANNEL 5 ARE ON STRIKE.
TO RETALIATE, THIS ANCHOR IS DOING A STORY TITLED, "HOW CORRUPT HAIRSTYLISTS ARE AGAINST A FREE PRESS."
IT'S GETTING UGLY.
IS THAT A COLANDER ON HIS HEAD?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Speech problem
5 Ref
8 Flintstones' pet
12 Actress Fisher
13 Canapé topping
14 Ireland
15 "Gems" found on a beach
17 Creche trio
18 Sea off Greece
19 Chess piece
21 MLB stat
22 Holler
23 Lobbying org.
26 Take to court
28 Texas landmark
31 Water, to Juan
33 Rx writers
35 "NFL Live" channel
36 Aquarium favorite
38 Bro's kin
40 Yon maiden
41 Surround
43 British "Inc."
45 Deli meat
47 Bedridden
51 "The Good Earth" heroine
52 Small telescope
54 Org.
55 Rotating part
56 Caustic cleaners
57 Activist Parks
58 Have bills
59 Type

DOWN

1 Bart's sister
2 "Got it"
3 Dross
4 Clip-on beeper
5 Manhattan Project element
6 Aug. and Sept.
7 Irksome
8 Cecil B. —
9 "This American Life" radio host
10 At hand
11 "Step —!"
16 "CSI" settings
20 PBS funder
23 Bit of butter
24 Candle count
25 Steuben product
27 Mag. staff
29 Speedometer stat
30 Undivided
32 Writer Huffington
34 "What a fool I am!"
37 Branch
39 Men-only
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45 Fly high
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48 Belafonte song
49 Addict
50 "Hey!"
53 Dog's foot

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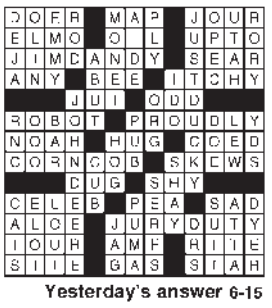

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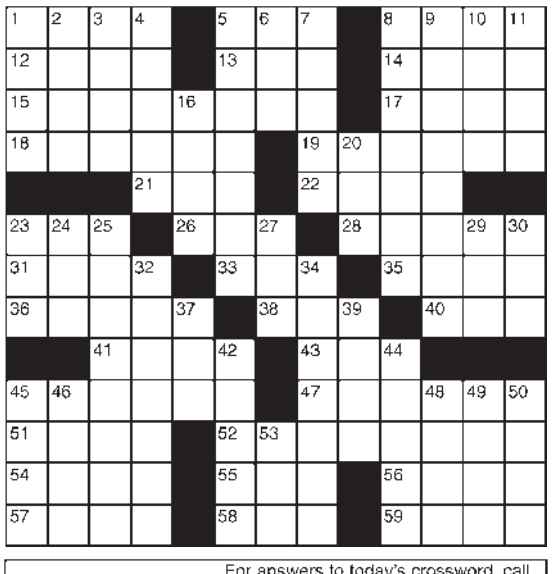

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Neil Patrick Harris, 43; Ice Cube, 47; Courteney Cox, 52; Helen Hunt, 53.

Happy Birthday: Alter the way you look or strive to improve your emotional situation. Making changes will help you move forward. Associate with people and groups that share your beliefs and you will gain the courage required to implement what you need to achieve greater happiness. Make your own decisions instead of bending to someone else's will. Your numbers are 9, 15, 22, 23, 35, 41, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Take advantage of any time you get to spend with someone special to you. The conversations or interaction you have will change the way you move forward. Make vacation plans. Taking action will impress someone you love. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You will get what you ask for. Pay attention to details and you will exceed expectations. A professional or financial gain is possible, but don't spend money before you have received what's owed to you. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Look for signs to guide you in one direction or another. Once you make up your mind, make your choices clear to avoid any interference. A change is overdue and will encourage and motivate you to follow your heart. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Look for a unique way to present what you have to offer. It's OK to be different, and doing so will help you capture interest that can make your life easier. A new venture looks promising. Consider forming a partnership with someone. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Consider what you can contribute to something or someone you believe in. You can bring about change if you feel passionate about a cause, concern or belief. Taking control will lead to new opportunities. A romantic connection will flourish. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Keep a close watch on the way others respond. Someone will take advantage of you if you aren't careful. An opportunity to learn will present itself. Don't rely on others for information. Network and negotiate. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Look outside your normal surroundings and you will discover a new way to deal with old problems. Business trips will help you see what needs to be done in order to advance. The information you pick up will lead to personal gains. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Donate possessions you no longer need, or have a garage sale to bring in extra cash. Use your imagination and you will find an innovative way to market something you enjoy. Keep your emotions hidden and personal matters a secret. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Concentrate on stabilizing your relationships with others. Bring about changes that will keep the peace and give you leeway to work at something that makes you happy. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Close deals, complete projects and make plans to spend time with family or friends. Your downtime will give you the break you need to regenerate and will provide the incentive to invest in something that will free up more time. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't let peer pressure stop you from heading in a direction that appeals to you. Bringing about change may not please everyone, but it will give you the boost you need to do your own thing. Celebrate with someone you love. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Look for alternatives rather than giving in to someone who is offering you a poor deal. Someone who has advised you in the past will be able to help you out again. Favors will be granted and partnerships look promising. ✪✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

				1				
			9	7	4		8	2
2		8				7		1
9		1				5		7
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	2						3	
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			6	2	5			

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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5	9	8	1	2	4	7	3	6
3	1	2	6	9	7	5	8	4
7	5	1	9	6	2	3	4	8
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8	4	6	7	5	3	1	2	9

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By DAVID OUELLET

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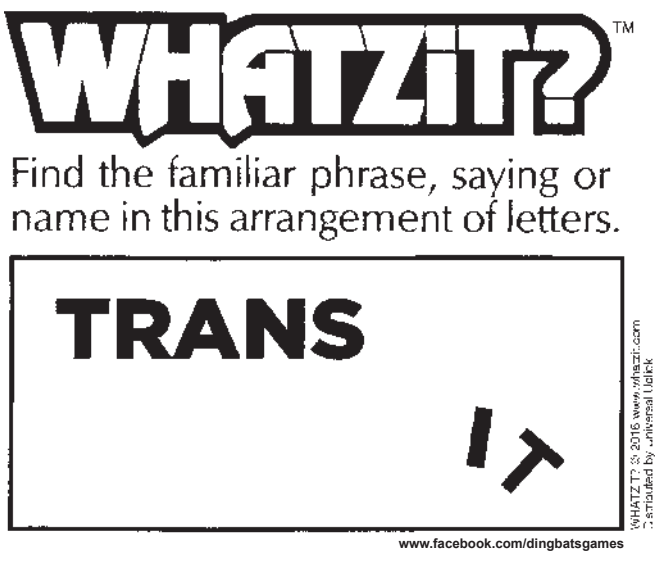

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Essential Accountabilities
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  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
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- Operations:
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- Availability
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  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
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Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
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Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM)
Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

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LeBron, Kyrie help Cavs stay alive in Finals

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Booed every time he touched the ball, LeBron James cut through Golden State's defense and made layups look easy. Dunks and 3-pointers, so smooth, too.

And Kyrie Irving also completely had his way with the Warriors.

King James and Irving thoroughly overpowered the defending champions from every spot on the floor, and the Cavaliers are still alive to chase that elusive championship.

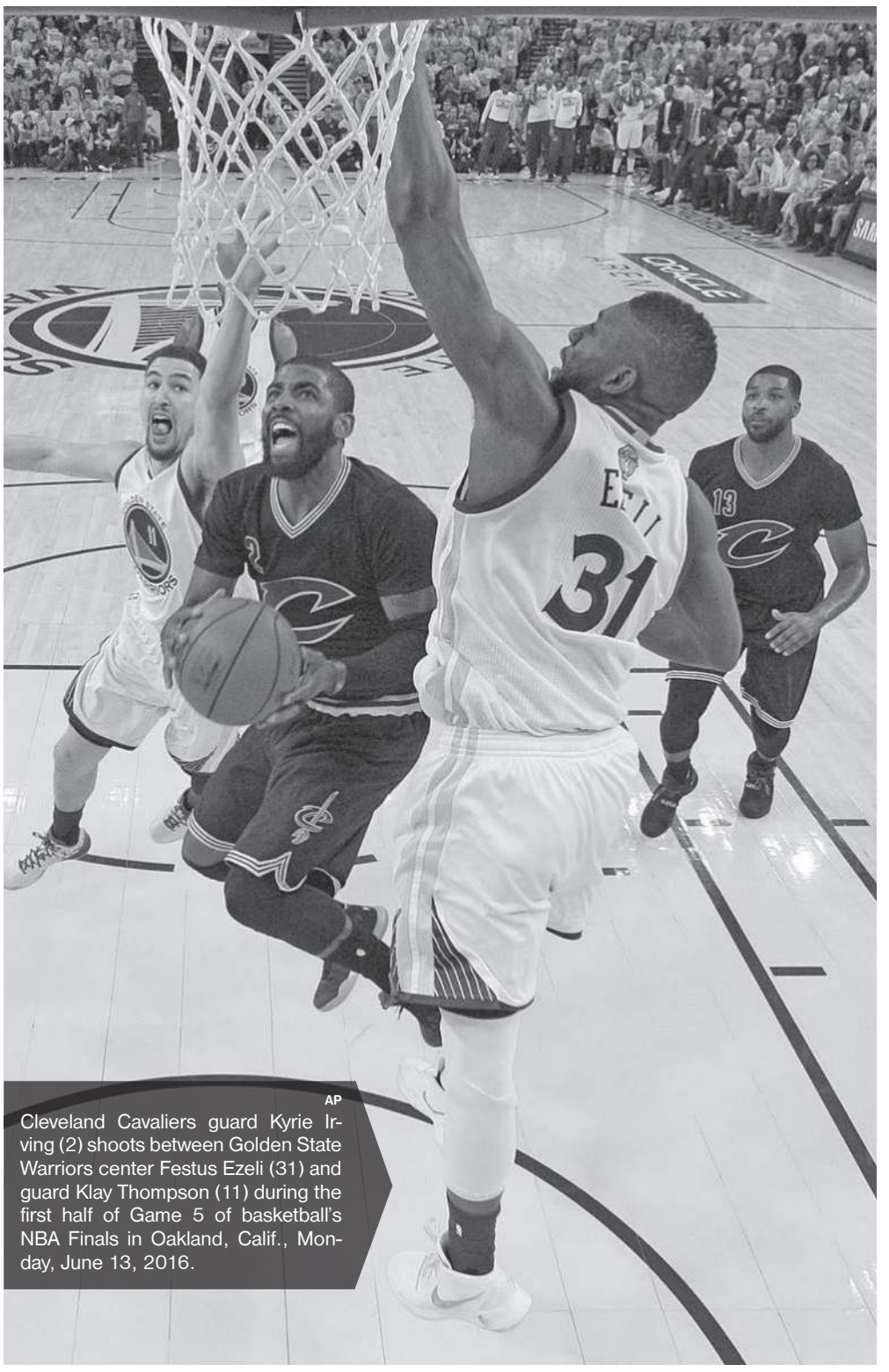
The unflappable, determined-as-ever James had 41 points, 16 rebounds and seven assists, Irving also scored 41 points and Cleveland capitalized on the absence of suspended star Draymond Green, staving off NBA Finals elimination with a 112-97 victory in Game 5 on Monday night.

"We had a mindset that we wanted to come here and just extend our period and have another opportunity to fight for another day," James said. "That was our main concern, and we were able to do that."

James and Irving became the first teammates to score 40 points in an NBA Finals game as the Cavaliers pulled within 3-2 and sent their best-of-seven series back to Ohio.

Afterward, sitting side by side on the podium, they offered back-and-forth shoutouts, with James noting of Irving, "It's probably one of the greatest performances I've ever seen live."

Take that, haters. James has much more to say about these playoffs before he's done — and not with his mouth, even as the criticism came from all directions following his Game 4 tussle with Green and reaction to what he considered the Golden State forward's inappropriate words. James was booed again as the Cavs left the court for their locker room, but thousands of fans had already made for the exits minutes earlier.



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Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) shoots between Golden State Warriors center Festus Ezeli (31) and guard Klay Thompson (11) during the first half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Monday, June 13, 2016.

"Now, mind you, to repeat a performance like this would definitely be tough, but whatever it takes to win," Irving said.

Cleveland handed Golden State just its fourth defeat all season at sold-out Oracle Arena, denying MVP Stephen Curry and the Warriors a chance to celebrate another championship with their golden-clad "Strength In Numbers" supporters. Now, Curry and Co. must try to win on the road, just the way the Warriors did last year and also in their only other championship season out West in 1975.

The Warriors will get Green back Thursday as they try again for that repeat title.

"I kind of like our position," coach Steve Kerr said. "... I like our position a lot better than theirs."

Banned from the arena, Green watched from a baseball suite in the Oakland Coliseum next door, joined by Golden State general manager Bob Myers.

The All-Star forward was suspended Sunday for his fourth flagrant point of the postseason. He was assessed a retroactive Flagrant-1 for his swipe at James in the fourth quarter of Friday's Game 4.

Tied 61-all at halftime Monday, the Warriors missed 14 of their first 20 shots out of intermission and shot 7 for 24 in the third as James and the Cavs grabbed command by doing all of the little things on both ends of the floor - the very intangibles Golden State desperately missed without Green's high-energy presence on both ends. James jumped in the passing lanes to create defensive havoc, flipped passes around and got open.

Klay Thompson scored 37 points with six 3-pointers and Curry added 25 points with five 3s, seven rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots. But as the game wore on, the Splash Brothers shot airballs and clanked 3-point tries off the front rim. The Warriors often failed to get a hand in the face of Cleveland's shooters.

"We weren't very good defensively," Kerr said. "We obviously knew we were without Draymond, so there's no point in harping on that. We had to play better, and we didn't."

James and Irving combined to shoot 33 for 54, while the Warriors went cold and finished 36.4 percent from the field. James also had three steals and three blocked shots.

Andre Iguodala had 15 points, 11 rebounds and six assists starting in place of Green, but Oakland must hold off in planning another victory parade for now.

"We like our chances going forward and continuing to just try to be us, the best we can, and get one more win," Curry said.

Warriors center Andrew Bogut went down early in the third grabbing his left knee and writhing in pain, and will have an MRI exam on his sprained knee Tuesday.

Irving's three-point play with 7:30 remaining put Cleveland ahead 102-92, and the Cavs kept pushing. They answered on offense and made all the key stops on defense.

"It obviously stings real bad," Thompson said. "We'll come back stronger."

Warriors sorely miss Green in Game 5 loss; Bogut injured

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Like everyone else, Draymond Green could only watch as LeBron James and Kyrie Irving sent the NBA Finals back to Cleveland.

And it became abundantly clear just how much the Golden State Warriors need their fiery forward after they were buried by Cleveland's dynamic duo.

James had 41 points, 16 rebounds and seven assists to go with Irving's 41 points in the Cavaliers' 112-97 victory over the Warriors on Monday night.

Klay Thompson scored 37 points and Stephen Curry had 25 for the Warriors, who lead the best-of-seven series 3-2. But the Warriors sorely missed Green, who was suspended after striking James in the groin in Game 4.

"Draymond does a little bit of everything," Thompson said. "Obviously his playmaking, his communication and his heart and soul. It's not an excuse though."

With Green next door in Oakland Coliseum, the Cavaliers shot 53 percent, hit 10 of 24 3-pointers and handed the Warriors their fourth home loss this season.

"It's too simple to say that" the Warriors lost because of Green's absence, Golden State coach Steve Kerr said. "We weren't very good defensively. We knew we were without Draymond, so there's no point in harping on that. We had to play better and we didn't."

Green was suspended after the NBA retroactively charged him with a flagrant-1 foul for incident with James during Game 4. The foul triggered an automatic suspension and left the Warriors and their fans fuming at the decision.

Green watched the game sitting with general manager Bob Myers while his teammates tried to pick up their exiled comrade. But it was clear from the start that they missed him badly, especially on the defensive end.

Even though he stands only 6-foot-8, Green is a ferocious interior presence for the Warriors and allows the rest of their versatile group to switch liberally and make it hard on the Cavaliers to get open looks from the perimeter. But Cleveland had little trouble getting to the basket on Monday night, with James and Irving plowing into the paint without fear against Andrew Bogut, Festus Ezeli, Anderson Varejao and James Michael McAdoo.

Kerr went with Andre Iguodala in the starting lineup in place of Green to matchup with James, but struggled to find suitable help at center.

"He's our centerfielder in the back when he's able to see the whole floor," Curry said. "Tonight it was obviously different rotations and we tried to adjust on the fly with different matchups. But we just didn't execute as well."

Golden State's most effective lineup all season long - the "Death Lineup" with Green at center, Harrison Barnes at power forward, Iguodala at small forward and the Splash Brothers in the backcourt—made life miserable for its opponents with its ability to switch on defense and get out in transition on offense. Green often would lead those fast breaks, playing a point forward while Curry and Thompson spread out on the wings for 3s.

The 3s were still there in Game 5—the Warriors made 14 of 42 from long range. But the defense that helped them surge to a 3-1 lead in the series was nowhere to be found, and Bogut had to be helped off the court two minutes into the third quarter with an injured left knee.

James followed Bogut's exit with a dunk and Irving hit his third 3 of the game to give the Cavaliers a 74-68 lead and never looked back.

Bogut will get an MRI on Tuesday.

Leading up to this game the Warriors blamed James for Green's suspension. They viewed James stepping over Green as a blatant show of disrespect and openly chided him for complaining about Green crossing the line with some of the trash talk that he hurled the four-time MVP's way during the exchange. Thompson said James "got his feelings hurt," Marreese Speights tweeted a baby bottle emoji and even Curry's wife, Ayesha, got in on the act.

If they were trying to humiliate James, it didn't work. Instead, it appears to have just made him angry.

Scherzer fans 11 to lead Nationals past Cubs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Max Scherzer retired the first 16 batters he faced and threw seven innings of two-hit ball, striking out 11 in a pitching masterpiece that carried the Washington Nationals past the Chicago Cubs 4-1 Monday night.

Scherzer's bid for his third career no-hitter ended with one out in the sixth when Addison Russell homered on a 3-2 pitch. The only other batter to reach against Scherzer (8-4) was Anthony Rizzo, who doubled in the seventh.

Facing the team with the best record in the majors, Scherzer became the 26th pitcher in baseball history to have 40 games with at least 10 strikeouts. He has won three straight starts, allowing only three runs over 22 innings.

Shawn Kelley got five outs for his first save.

Wilson Ramos hit a tie-breaking homer in the sixth inning for the NL East-leading Nationals, who have won four straight and seven of eight.

AP

Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer, right, gets a high-five from Ryan Zimmerman, left, in the dugout after the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies, Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in Philadelphia. The Nationals won, 7-2.

Royals 2, Indians 1

In Kansas City, Whit Merrifield hit his first career homer, Edinson Volquez tossed seven scoreless innings of two-hit ball and Kansas City beat Cleveland to end a five-game skid against the Indians.

Alcides Escobar also drove in a run for the Royals, who have won three in a row after an eight-game losing streak. They also won their seventh consecutive game at Kauffman Stadium.

White Sox 10, Tigers 9, 12 innings

In Chicago, Adam Eaton singled home the winning run in the 12th inning for his fourth hit of the night, and Chicago rallied from seven runs down in a wild victory over Detroit.

J.B. Shuck led off the 12th with a double down the first-base line and advanced on Tim Anderson's sacrifice. With the infield playing in, Eaton bounced a grounder up the middle against Anibal Sanchez (3-7).

Jose Abreu hit a two-run homer for Chicago, and Dioner Navarro had a solo shot. Zach Duke (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win, long after White Sox manager Robin Ventura was ejected for arguing balls and strikes.

Diamondbacks 3, Dodgers 2

In Phoenix, Zack Greinke won his sixth consecutive start, aided by three defensive gems in his first game against his former team since leaving Los Angeles, and Arizona got home runs from Paul Goldschmidt and Jake Lamb to beat the Dodgers.

Greinke (9-3), who signed a $206.5 million, six-year contract with the Diamondbacks last offseason, was backed by big plays from left fielder Peter O'Brien, second baseman Jean Segura and center fielder Michael Bourn. The right-hander allowed two runs and seven hits, throwing a season-high 119 pitches in seven innings.

Phillies 7, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Ryan Howard and Odubel Herrera homered, Jerad Eickhoff pitched six spotless innings to win consecutive starts for the first time this season, and Philadelphia snapped a four-game losing streak by beating Toronto.

Herrera had three RBI as the Phillies won for the third time in 13 meetings with the Blue Jays. Peter Bourjos had two hits and two RBI for Philadelphia, which had lost 17 of 22 overall.

Reds 9, Braves 8

In Atlanta, Tyler Holt drew a bases-loaded walk from Arodys Vizcaino to force home the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning, and Cincinnati edged Atlanta in a matchup of teams with the worst records in the National League.

Five Braves pitchers combined for eight walks, including three by Vizcaino (1-2) in the ninth.

Adam Duvall homered and drove in three runs for the Reds. Ross Ohlendorf (5-5) allowed one run in the eighth, and Tony Cingrani earned his seventh save.

Marlins 13, Padres 4

In San Diego, Adeiny Hechavarria drove in four runs and Miami routed San Diego.

Ichiro Suzuki had three of the Marlins' season-high 19 hits, leaving him one shy of equaling Pete Rose's total of 4,256—the major league record. Suzuki collected 1,278 hits during his nine seasons in Japan.

Martin Prado homered for the Marlins, who rested sore slugger Giancarlo Stanton. Still, they built an 8-1 cushion by the third inning and eased to their third win in five games.

Athletics 14, Rangers 5

In Oakland, Khris Davis homered and drove in five runs, Marcus Semien and Jake Smolinski each had three hits and Oakland pounded first-place Texas, hours after the Rangers put pitcher Yu Darvish on the disabled list.

The A's snapped a seven-game losing streak on Sunday, then beat a Texas team that had won eight of 10.

Davis hit his 15th homer off Cesar Ramos (1-3) in the fifth.

Giants 11, Brewers 5

In San Francisco, Brandon Crawford drove in three runs and Albert Suarez pitched 3 2/3 solid innings of relief to help the Giants beat the Milwaukee Brewers.

Crawford's sacrifice fly in the sixth inning against Corey Knebel (0-1) broke a 4-4 tie, and he added a two-run single an inning later as the Giants won for the ninth time in their last 11 games at home. Gregor Blanco added a two-run single in San Francisco's four-run seventh.

Suarez (2-1), the third of five Giants pitchers, allowed two runs and five hits.

Twins 9, Angels 4

In Anaheim, the Los Angeles Angels' injured list is growing almost daily. Their losses are multiplying accordingly.

And now they've added defensive ineptitude to their woes while falling into last place in the AL West.

Trevor Plouffe hit a three-run homer, Byron Buxton and Robbie Grossman also went deep and the Minnesota Twins beat the slumping Angels.

Cox agrees on 6-year, $103M deal with Eagles

PHILADELPHIA—Von Miller and his agents just perked up.

As Miller and the Denver Broncos argue over guaranteed money, Philadelphia Eagles defensive lineman Fletcher Cox just reset the market. Cox got a six-year, $103 million contract with $63 million guaranteed. That's historic; it's the most guaranteed money for any non-quarterback in NFL history.

Miller was offered six years and $114.5 million but rejected that over guaranteed money. Miller's gripe is the Broncos offered just $38.5 million guaranteed, and that's the only number that matters in NFL contracts. Cox just got $24.5 million more guaranteed than that. And he doesn't have a Super Bowl MVP award, like Miller does. Cox has been to the Pro Bowl just one time, compared to four Pro Bowls for Miller, and Miller has two All-Pro selections. Cox has never been a first-team All Pro. You'd have to think Broncos general manager John Elway will be reminded of all that soon.

Cox is a very, very good player. He has been fantastic as a 3-4 defensive end, and can be dominant as a tackle in the 4-3 defense the Eagles want to run this season. Cox has 22 sacks in four seasons, including 9.5 last season.

Cox better be dominant for his contract; his guaranteed money surpasses the $60 million the Buffalo Bills gave tackle Marcell Dareus and the $60 million the Miami Dolphins gave Ndamukong Suh. Those were the two highest deals for a defensive player, in terms of guaranteed money, according to Spotrac. Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton got $60 million guaranteed, and Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson got $61 million guaranteed.

Cox's contract is going to be one that all elite defensive players point to going forward. He got paid like a franchise quarterback after one Pro Bowl in four years. It's a landmark deal, another in a long line of 2016 contracts that have reset the market at just about every position.

And it's a good bet Miller is well aware of the terms of Cox's deal.

Spieth won't fully commit to Olympics

OAKMONT, Pa.—Jordan Spieth is kinda, sorta, maybe 100 percent committed to playing in the 2016 Summer Olympics. Save a potential schedule change, he'll definitely probably be in Rio in August.

Spieth is scheduled to be a part of the United States' four-man Olympic golf squad, but when asked Monday at Oakmont Country Club, site of this week's U.S. Open, why he has made the decision "for sure" to go, the world's No. 2-ranked player champ hedged.

"You're putting words into my mouth, sir," Spieth said, "but right now I am very—I said pending scheduling changes earlier. I'm not sure where I'll play next, even after this week. I mean, you just never know."

The threat of the Zika virus in Brazil has already led to one American athlete, cyclist Tejay van Garderen, opting not to go to Rio.

Though they didn't cite Zika, several of the world's top golfers, including Australia's Adam Scott (world No. 8), South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen (No. 14) and Vijay Singh, whose country (Fiji) has never won an Olympic medal, have withdrawn from competition. Scott and Oosthuizen cited scheduling and family conflicts as their reason for pulling out.

Rory McIlroy, the No. 2 player in the world, had withheld his commitment to play until only last week when he said the advice he got "has put my mind at ease and makes me more comfortable going down there knowing that, even if I do contract Zika, it's not the end of the world. It takes six months to pass through your system and you're fine."

Spieth appears to not yet be able to make a 100 percent commitment.

"Right now, I'm pretty confident with what we've heard from not only the PGA Tour but our personal outreach, and I think being an Olympian is just an absolute tremendous honor. Do I think being an Olympian outweighs any significant health threat? No. If I thought that the threat was significant, I certainly would not go.

"But based on what's come to my knowledge at this point, it seems like it's going to be an extremely memorable experience and look forward to trying to win a gold for the United States."

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Copa America crowds below World Cup but above projections

NEW YORK (AP)—Fans at some first-round Copa America games have arrived to see empty sections, even closed-off decks. Still, the tournament is averaging more than 40,000 fans per game, a figure certain to increase in the knockout rounds.

When the United States hosted the World Cup in 1994, it set records with 3.6 million spectators and an average of almost 69,000. The first 20 Copa America matches through Sunday averaged 40,429.

"It's not a World Cup, so we were not expecting to sell out every game," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said. "Our baseline projection going into the tournament had been 30,000 per game."

Mexico has drawn two of the four biggest crowds, 83,263 to Pasadena's Rose Bowl for its 2-0 victory over Jamaica and 60,025 to Glendale, Arizona, for its 3-1 win over Uruguay. Also in the top four were a pair of matches in Santa Clara, California, the United States' 2-0 loss to Colombia in the tournament opener (64,719) and for Argentina's 2-1 win over Chile (60,025).

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United States' fans sing during the national anthem before a Copa America Group A soccer match between the U.S. and Paraguay, Saturday, June 11, 2016, in Philadelphia.

Two of the four smallest crowds were in Orlando, Florida, for Costa Rica-Paraguay (17,113) and Panama-Bolivia (13,466). Other low draws were Ecuador-Peru in Glendale (a tournament-low 11,937) and Chile-Bolivia in Foxborough, Massachusetts (19,690).

"You can't compare this Copa America to what happened in 1994. 1994 was just the first time we've gotten the biggest event in the world," said Marcelo Balboa, a defender on the `94 U.S. team and now a Univision analyst. "In group stage in a World Cup, sometimes they don't all sell out, but once you get into that knockout quarterfinals, semifinals, I think you'll see the stadiums being packed."

Last year's Copa America in Chile averaged 25,223, according to figures in match reports. The 2011 tournament in Argentina averaged just under 34,000 and the 2007 edition in Venezuela about 40,000.

Capacity of the U.S. stadiums is larger, far fewer fans traveled to the U.S. for the Copa America than the World Cup and a lower percentage of seats is set aside for sponsors.

Ticket prices impact attendance. The tournament's cheapest seat is $50. Lower-level seats were listed at $60-$230 for last Saturday's game between the United States and Paraguay in Philadelphia, and listed prices run from $177.50-$2,013 for the June 26 final in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Mexico's draw with Venezuela gives El Tri top spot in Group C

HOUSTON (AP)—Mexico's Jesus Manuel "Tecatito" Corona missed shot after shot on Monday night with El Tri trailing Venezuela by a goal.

That didn't stop the 23-year-old from taking one more late in the game.

And this time he scored to give Mexico a 1-1 tie and first place in Group C of Copa America.

It was in the 80th minute when Tecatito took on five defenders before firing off a shot from 10 yards to tie it and thrill the overwhelmingly pro-Mexico crowd.

Tecatito said there was no grand plan to his goal, that it was improvisation.

By winning their group, El Tri avoids a quarterfinal matchup with Lionel Messi and tournament favorite Argentina. They're likely headed for an easier matchup with Chile in the knockout round, leaving Venezuela to face mighty Argentina.

Mexico defeated Uruguay 3-1 before downing Jamaica 2-0 to earn a berth in the quarterfinals.

"Football is very, very even, so we believe we have competed with three strong teams with particular ways to play," Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio said.

"Jamaica, the most combative team, the most athletic, and of all the stronger, the faster. Uruguay, because of its history being a soccer country and Venezuela, we consider it is very commendable having clinched the first spot in the group and we will continue competing and trying to get as far as possible."

Venezuela surprised Mexico with an early goal. The Vinotinto used a free kick to get it in the box, and Jose Manuel Velazquez gave Venezuela the lead in the 10th minute after taking an assist on a header from Christian Santos and volleying it in for the goal.

Velazquez was proud of the way his team fought, but disappointed it wasn't able to come out on top.

"We came here for the win," he said. "Venezuela came here to play."

Venezuela had a chance to take the lead in the 84th minute, but goalkeeper Jose de Jesus Corona saved a bicycle kick shot by Josef Martinez.

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ic Centre in Suva.

Chentsova arrived from the mainland last month and has since joined Welch, Villacrusis, and Suzuki in the team's training sessions at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

The world championships veteran Chentsova will race in eight events in Fiji. She will swim in the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m freestyle and three backstroke events—50m, 100m, and 200m.

Welch is also entered in the 50m, 100m, 200m, and 400m freestyle and will compete, too, in the 50m butterfly, 50m and 100m breaststroke, and 200m individual medley.

Villacrusis will join Welch in the 50m butterfly race and in four other freestyle events (50m, 100m, 200m, and 400m). The Mt. Carmel School student's three other races are the 200m IM and the 50m and 100m breaststroke.

Suzuki will only participate in the 100m breaststroke, but has the 200m individual medley, 50m and 100m butterfly, and the 50m, 100m, 200m, and 400m freestyle on his list.

Suzuki and company are also competing in the 3K open water race.

The four CNMI swimmers will be up against the representatives of the host country, American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and Tahiti.

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duel Tenai (0-2) today for her third and last pool play game.

In Group B, Conatsu's twin wins on Day 2 against FSM's Tatiana Panuelo , 6-1, 6-0, and fellow CNMI bet Riko Ojima, 6-0, 6-0, gave the former a perfect 3-0 mark and a share of the lead with Raulerson. Raulerson also tallied two victories yesterday, downing FSM's Isabel Garcia first, 6-3, 6-0, before shutting down Panuelo, 6-0, 6-0. Conatsu and Raulerson will cross paths today for the top spot in their group.

In the boys U14 singles, which has a round-robin format and seven-man field, CNMI players occupy the Top 5 spots with No. 1 seed Robbie Schorr and No. 2 Tony Kim holding similar 2-0 records, Ken Song having a 2-1 mark, and Sam Ryu and Sean Lee earning a 1-1 and 1-2 slates, respectively. Guam's Roman Merletti (1-2), and the CNMI's Eugene Park (0-3) complete the field.

Kim got his second win after outclassing Lee yesterday, 6-2, 6-1, while Schorr kept his unblemished mark following a super tiebreaker third set triumph over Song, 5-7, 6-2, 10-8. Merletti played the third and last game in the division yesterday, prevailing against Park, 6-3, 6-3.

In the boys U16 singles, there were only two games played in the four-pool competition with the CNMI's Vincent Tudela winning over Guam's Malakooti Kian, 6-1, 6-0, and FSM's Perilo Andre topping the host's Jeffrey Seo, 6-1, 6-3. Tudela is unbeaten in two games and is likely to join Andre to the quarterfinal round. Michael Ren and Steven Goodwin, who have similar 1-1 marks in their respective groups, are the CNMI's other bets in the division.

In the girls U16 singles, Mimi Sakano and Grace Choi are in contention for the semis berths. Choi leads Group A with her 2-0 record, getting another victory yesterday after pulling off an upset over FSM's Sunshine Palik, 6-2, 6-4. Sakano, the second-ranked in the division, also has a 2-0 mark after a walkover win against FSM's Chrisdela Esau.

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that sent the game in overtime. Credit half of Lizama's game-tying basket to Douglas Schmidt, who plucked the offensive rebound after Dan Barcinas missed a wide open trey. Schmidt was out of position for the putback and spotted Lizama at the left corner and the latter threw up a prayer, which was answered as his heave went in, with just a second left on the clock.

T Galleria made the inbound from the backcourt and ran out of time to pull up for a shot, forcing the team to play MJD for five more minutes.

In overtime, T Galleria managed to lead by 4 in the opening two minutes of the extension before Matt Duenas knocked in successive baskets to grab the upper hand. Duenas had a string of 7 points after Lizama opened MJD's scoring with a split, while the latter had a field goal to close out for his team. Schimdt scored the last shot for MJD after going 1-for-2 from the foul line, while T Galleria drew one triple each from Ricardo Dela Cruz and Ivan Devero and a deuce from Junar Guiab.

It was a sorry loss for T Galleria as it had a good chance to win in regulation, leading by two, 80-78, and having the possession, down to the last 14 seconds of the fourth canto. With the clock ticking, MJD was forced to commit back-to-back fouls with the last one sending Ivan Devero to the 15-foot line. Devero missed his first charity and made the second for the 3-point cushion.

MJD sued for time and when the game resumed, Barcinas found himself unmarked and he nonchalantly unloaded a long shot and missed. Fortunately, Schmidt was there for the rebound and Lizama knocked in the equalizer.

In the second semis game, it was Marvin Rabauliman who played the hero's role for DFEMS.

He drained his patented floater near the foul line for the go-ahead basket, about six seconds left on the clock.

With no timeout left, PIC went for the inbound with Mike Arciaga having the last possession. He also went for a Hail Mary shot and it went in, however, the referees nullified the basket, saying the buzzer had already sounded before Arciaga released the ball.

PIC contested the call and was later asked by league organizers to submit a written appeal if it wanted to protest the crucial decision. The deadline (to submit appeal letter) was set last night, as the MJD-DFEMS title showdown is scheduled for tonight.

DFEMS stole the game from PIC despite falling behind by as much as 16 points in the first half, 48-32.

Four DFEMS players scored in double figures to pull off the come-from-behind win. Joshua Sablan had 19 points, Soani Pua added 15, and Rabauliman and Romeo Iginoef chipped in 13 each.

First Game

MJD 92 — Lizama 28, Schmidt 24, Duenas 17, Barcinas 11, Deleon Guerrero 8, Gapor 2, Bautista 2.

T Galleria 89 — Devero 20, Guiab 15, Talania 14, Esdrelon 13, De Dios 12, Paraiso 6, Dela Cruz 5, Manalo 4.

Scoring by quarters: 15-18, 43-39, 65-56, 81-81, 92-89 (OT).

Second Game

DFEMS 79 — Sablan 19, Pua 15, Rabauliman 13, Iginoef 13, Lisua 9, Manglona 5, George 3, Santos 2.

PIC 78 — Aranda 24, Rabasto 20, Espinosa 9, Arciaga 8, Eroch 7, Babauta 6, Flores 2, Barbo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-24, 36-51, 56-64, 79-78.

Saipan Electronics Darts Association League Awards Banquet

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Naked Fish Ridin'Darrty players are all smiles after receiving their A Division first place trophies during the Saipan Electronics Darts Association League Awards Banquet last Sunday at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

Players of C Division champion Jokers Puntan I Langit pose with their trophies.

6JMS Mafia II players show their Fanihi Division championship trophies.

Jokers Latte Sparts players receive the Flame Tree B Division championship trophies.

Jokers Nakayoshi players pose with their Masters Division championship trophies.

Jokers Chamberos players gather for a photo after getting their Tuesday B Division championship trophies.

SEDA League secretary Warlee Ellama, right, presents a plaque of appreciation to MARPAC's James Lee to thank the latter's company for its continued support to the association's competitions.

A representative, left, of Oleai Beach Bar & Grill, which was among the sponsors of the participating teams, receives a plaque of appreciation from SEDA League secretary Warlee Ellama.

The Top Gun awardees pose with their trophies.

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The CNMI's Coume Kaga makes a backhand return to the Federate States of Micronesia's Leilah Etscheit during their pool play game in the girls U12 singles event of the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club.

CNMI jr. players boost playoff bid

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Coume Kaga and a handful of CNMI junior players strengthened their playoff chances in their respective age groups after racking up victories on Day 2 of the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club and Kanoa Resort courts.

Kaga collected two more wins yesterday to hike her record to 3-0 for a share of the top spot in Group A of the girls U12 singles. Kaga posted similar 6-0, 6-0 triumphs over fellow CNMI player J.C. Ferrer and the Federate States of Micronesia's Leilah Etscheit to join FSM's Ridianne Wolphagen on the leaderboard in their group. The co-leaders will duel today to determine the No. 1 finisher in Group A.

In Group B, the Commonwealth's Marielle Lopez and Anika Camacho own identical 1-2 slates for second place to remain in contention for the playoff berths. The Top 2 finishers in Groups A and B after the pool play will advance to the playoff round.

In the boys U12 singles, eight players will qualify to the next round or the Top 2 placers in the four groups. The CNMI's Ji Min Woo, Seung Jin Paik, Rintaro Miyawaki, and Richard Steele are likely to make the grade.

Paik is unbeaten (3-0) in Group D after earning wins against Guam's Sachdev Aarman, 6-1, 6-1,and Palau's Ton Lomisang Perez, 6-2, 6-0, yesterday. Woo has the same clean slate (3-0) in Group C after sweeping Guam's Jackson Jacob, 6-0, 6-0, and FSM's Jones Neth George, 6-1, 6-2, on Day 2, while Miyawaki was the third CNMI player in the division (Group B) to register a 3-0 mark after adding his victory over compatriot Seung Won Lee, 6-0, 6-0, to his first two wins in the opening day. Steele, on the other hand, owns a 2-1 mark and is running second in Group A after a split on Day 2. The Mt. Carmel School student first bowed to pool leader Andew Leng of Guam, 3-6, 1-6, before beating the latter's compatriot Thomas Ysreal, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 10-3.

In the girls U14 singles, the CNMI is likely to get all four semis berths in the division as Malika Miyawaki, Asia Raulerson, and Conatsu Kaga remained undefeated in the pool play. Malika is on top of Group A with her 2-0 record after prevailing against Guam's Jocelyn Tenai, 6-1, 6-1. She will go for a pool sweep today when she faces FSM's Anne Skilling (1-1). Another CNMI bet, Maria Gregoire (1-1) may join Miyawaki in the semis following her 4-6, 6-2, 11-9 triumph over Skilling. Gregoire will

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MJD, DFEMS set title showdown

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DFEMS' Gary Cruz, right, is pressured by Pacific Islands Club defenders Mike Espinosa, center, and Ray Babauta during the second quarter of their semis game in the intergovernment/business caging last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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MJD Enterprises and the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services survived their respective down-to-the-wire semis assignments to arrange their title duel in the 2016 IT&E Inter Government/Business Basketball League.

MJD eked out a 92-89 overtime win over T Galleria in the first Final Four tiff last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, while DFEMS pulled off a thrilling 79-78 triumph against Pacific Islands Club in the second game.

Jack Lizama scored 28 points in MJD's close triumph, including the triple

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4 swimmers off to Fiji tomorrow

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The CNMI Swim Team will leave for Fiji tomorrow to compete in the XI Oceania Championships.

The squad is composed of swimmers Victoria Chentsova, Salofi Welch, Christian Villacrusis, and Lennosuke Suzuki and coach Bobby Winkfield. They will participate in the June 21 to 26 competition that will be held at the Damodar National Aquat-

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From left, Salofi Welch, Christian Villacrusis, Bobby Winkfield, Victoria Chentsova, and Lennosuke Suzuki pose for a group photo at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool after their training session in preparation for the XI Oceania Championships.